

## **Newcomb Town Tattler September 29th, 2008\***

### **\*\*Calendar\*\***

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Essex County Task Force Against Domestic Violence is hosting its annual Day of Remembrance to mourn those who have died, honor those who have survived, and unify those who support victims. Each year, members of the Task Force select someone to recognize for their dedication to this cause. The Newcomb Mountain Quilters has been selected for this honor this year.

The Day of Remembrance Ceremony is Tuesday, October 7, 2008, from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Courtyard in front of the Essex County Courthouse.

Looking Ahead: Open House, Book Fair, and Celebrate Newcomb Central School will be on Thursday, October 23rd. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

Newcomb Foreign Affairs "Roundtable"

AFTER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION:  
THE FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS OF  
U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OBAMA AND McCAIN

Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
7:00 PM at the Newcomb School

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the rising importance of Russia and China in world affairs, the value of the dollar in relation to world currencies and global trade/investment, the rising price of oil, food, and other commodities, transnational crime and terrorism, genocide in Sudan, nuclear proliferation, and environmental concerns are among the many international issues that directly affect citizens of Newcomb and surrounding communities.

A foreign affairs roundtable is an informal gathering of individuals interested in world affairs who select for discussion different international issues/events not only to gain knowledge of those issues/events, but to share views--and thus to achieve a richer and more rounded appreciation of our complex world.

The purpose of the Newcomb foreign affairs roundtable is to hold periodic sessions that feature a major international issue in order to learn about that issue, its causes and effects, and policy options for the United States in addressing that issue. Newcomb's foreign affairs roundtable is envisaged as an educational-social gathering of citizens who wish to become more knowledgeable about the world that influences upstate New York and the nation at large.

A series of four roundtables is proposed for Fall/Winter 2008-2009. Each roundtable will consist of

four parts, each moderated by the presenter:

- (1) a short lecture presentation of an international issue chosen by the participants;
- (2) a roundtable discussion moderated by the speaker during which time participants ask questions and make comments;
- (3) a summary of the proceedings by the moderator; and
- (4) a selection among the participants of the next session's topic.

The presenter suggests one or two readings in advance of each session so that participants who wish to come prepared with questions and comments may do so. The first session will take place on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Newcomb Central School. Skidmore Professor of Government Roy H. Ginsberg has volunteered to lead the series, with the inaugural roundtable discussion titled "After the Bush Administration: The foreign policy positions of U.S. Presidential candidates Obama and McCain."

Please Join Us!

Attention Gardeners!

Hold onto your seeds! There will be a SEED EXCHANGE this February (date and location TBA). Packaged seed and seed harvested from your own vegetables can be shared or exchanged for others. This is a great way to get growing tips and to try something new. Start collecting your garden seed now for your 2009 garden. Do you have a great recipe? Bring it along! More information to follow. Any questions? Call Lorraine Miga 582-2402.

## **\*Buy Local\***

At Hummingbird Gardens perennials are 50% off from now until the end of Oct., I will be closing for the winter after that. If the car's in the yard I'm home so stop in and pick up a perennial or two! Kelly LaRose

Aunt Polly's Material Girls received a large shipment of Thimbleberries for \$6.00 per yard.

Joanna Donk can do digital printing from anyones digital camera card. 4 x 6 Glossy \$.35 plus tax just call to catch her at home 582-4601

## **\*Thanks\***

A special thank you go out to Mark the Mason, Mike, Lenny, Joe, Jimmy, Buddy, Eric Peter, Joe Helms, Don DiVito, Joe Helms Sr for helping us put together our fantastic benefit for Essex County Toys for Kids. Thank you to Town of Newcomb, Newcomb Mountain Quilters, Ann LaRose, Jeanne Garrand and all others who donated raffle items. And of coarse I can not forget to thank all who attended, for without them we would not have had much success. We collected over \$1700.00. KUDOS TO ALL

Thank You  
Mike & Shirley Garrard  
The Newcomb House

## **\*Help!\***

The Historical Society is looking for artifacts to display in the building. They are particularly interested in 3 dimensional objects. Just call 582- and leave a message or speak to someone when they are open Thursday-Sunday 1-4 pm

The Adirondack Ecological Center keeps records of moose sightings in Newcomb. If anyone sees a moose, please contact Stacy McNulty at 582-4551 x102 or [smcnulty@esf.edu](mailto:smcnulty@esf.edu) (or call AEC and leave a message). Desired information includes:

Location where moose was seen

Date and time of day

Gender (does it have antlers or not? how large are the antlers?)

Your name and phone number

It's moose breeding season so they are on the move. Thanks!

## **\*\*Check it Out!\*\***

Newcomb to Update its Comprehensive Plan

In the late 1980s, the Town of Newcomb undertook the task of creating a town Comprehensive Plan. The result of that effort is a document which is titled: "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, New York" in 1990. This Plan defines existing Land Use within the Town and Public Facilities. It includes a visual analysis, an economic analysis, a Transportation Plan and numerous tables outlining Town Trends.

The Comprehensive Plan used a Town-wide questionnaire to gather information about residents and their concerns. This information helped identify a number of concerns and suggestions to make the Town a better place to live, and is the basis for establishing Goals and Objectives regarding proposed land use, land classifications, resources – it is the basis for the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Much has happened over the past 20 years. A review and update is necessary and prudent. We are seeing many changes -- in our population, the number of seasonal versus year round residents, property ownership, land development and subdivisions, residential demographics, the age of our population, and many other areas. The concerns raised twenty years ago, and the goals and objectives that came from them, may have changed. So, it is time to start the process.

Comprehensive Plans are extremely important to the community. State statutes require that zoning and all land use regulations conform to the locality's comprehensive plan. Comprehensive plans have also been called a master plan, land use plan, and development plan. There are important legal effects. It is our road map to the future.

The Planning Board, along with the Town Council, has started the process. Over the next few weeks, all residents will be hearing more about the Plan. A Comprehensive Plan Committee composed of residents and volunteers, and others, will be formed, a consultant will be hired to help us in the process, and a number of Public Forums will be held. The entire community will need to be involved to ensure that all views are heard, all concerns are identified, all suggestions and ideas are presented.

As time goes on, the Town website ([www.newcombny.com](http://www.newcombny.com) [<http://www.newcombny.com/>](http://www.newcombny.com/)) will have current activities, and regular forms of publicity will keep you aware of status and actions. Look for this information in the "Local Government" tab on the site.

Please stay tuned and please think about your ideas for the future of Newcomb. The will be essential as we move forward.

## **\*\*Thoughts, Prayers, Cards and Casseroles\*\***

For the most part I can't pass on the details of people's medical condition or need but if a name shows up on the list suffice it to say that you might want to call and see how they are doing.

Lillian Turcotte, Lana Fennessey

## **\*\*From the editor/publisher/whatever\*\***

Thanks for the opportunity to share! Please remember that I do this just for fun. I have no agenda, We live in a great place and its fun to share news and stories and keep track of each other. But, if you don't send it in yourself, it may not get printed. So, e-mail me, [bureaus@frontiernet.net](mailto:bureaus@frontiernet.net). Mail, Box 193 or phone 582-2266. Sandy Bureau