



# Town of Jewett Newsletter

Fall 2008

Greene County, New York

Website: <http://www.townofjewett.com>

## Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that assists eligible households in meeting their home energy needs. Applications are taken at all local departments of social services.

The Regular Benefit of the 2008-2009 HEAP program will open on November 3, 2008, and **HEAP Applications will not be made available until that date.**

New York's benefit program is structured in such a way that higher benefits are provided to those households that have larger percentages of their income spent on energy costs, contain a vulnerable individual, and have the lowest income.

Vulnerable individuals are defined as children under the age of 6, adults aged 60 or older, or disabled individuals. Eligibility is based on income and your housing situation. You must also live in an eligible housing situation. This generally means that you must either pay directly for heating costs or must pay rent that includes heating costs. If you live in subsidized housing, you must pay heating costs separately from your rent. Individual applicants must be U.S. citizens or qualified aliens.

For information on where to apply, call 1-800-342-3009. To see the income guidelines visit [www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap/#target](http://www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap/#target)

## Number of Jewett Judges to Be Decided Election Day

Town of Jewett Residents will decide on election day, November 4, 2008 if Jewett will keep the current two Judge positions or go to one Judge in the Town. The Town Board discussed both options and a permissive referendum was filed to allow the town to go to one judge. However, a petition was filed at a later date by local residents, which will then place the decision on the election ballot, to be decided by Jewett voters.

The Board's reasoning behind the decision was partly economic, and after review the Board felt one judge could handle the case load. A single judge will result in greater consistency and will simplify the work of the clerk and of the Court.

The current justice salary is \$3000 each and Justice training expenses are waived when training classes are successfully completed. The Justice salary figures for 2008 have been tentatively budgeted as follows: \$6000 for each justice if two justices remain, or \$8500 if the election day vote goes to one justice. The increase is due to the Justice position remaining at \$3000 since 2000.

## Weatherization Assistance

The **Weatherization Assistance Program** performs energy audits for eligible owners and renters, in order to find areas that have the highest potential for heat loss.

Caulking, weather-stripping and foam products are used where cold air enters the home through leakage. Also, insulation is installed in walls, basements and attics.

Smoke and CO detectors insure that all combustible appliances are vented and operating safely.

For those not qualifying through income, also offered is a **Weatherization Plus Program**, which provides the same type of services, for a fee.

For more information about either of these programs contact Robert Rock 518-943-9205 ext. 113, or [www.cagcny.org/weatherizationLFriday.htm](http://www.cagcny.org/weatherizationLFriday.htm)



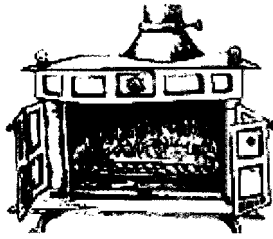
*This newsletter is also available online.*

## Town Court

Town of Jewett Court is open every Monday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The phone and fax number is 518-263-4626. The court is located upstairs in the Jewett Town Municipal Building on County Rt. 23c (near the intersection of Rt. 23c and State Rt. 296). Stephen Canfield, Justice.

## Wood and Pellet Stove Permits

With rising heating costs many people are seeking alternative heating sources this year.



If you decide to install a pellet stove or woodstove in your home, you need to obtain a building permit from the **Building Inspector, Tom Cross**.

During installation, always follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

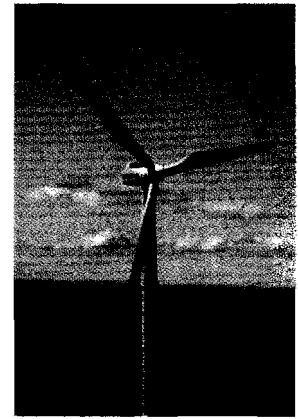
You should also check with your insurance carrier when installing a wood or pellet stove. For more information on safety standards, you can go to National Ag Safety DataBase <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/docs/d000101-d000200/d000132/d000132.html>

The Building Inspector also has information available on safety standards for stove installation, such as the recommended clearances from combustibles. He is available at the Town Building, Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 518 263-4646 #4. [buildings@townofjewett.com](mailto:buildings@townofjewett.com).

## Green Energy

The Town is currently watching developments regarding wind energy in outlying towns, perhaps using their experience as a future guideline for the Town of Jewett.

There's an abundance of information available on alternative energy sources. Some websites are [www.powernaturally.org](http://www.powernaturally.org), [www.windexplorer.com](http://www.windexplorer.com) and The American Wind Association at [www.awea.org](http://www.awea.org).



Jewett is also exploring possible incentives for those wishing to implement green energy on their property.

*"By 2013, twenty-five percent of all power used in New York is to come from renewable resources via the Renewable Portfolio Standard (<http://www.powernaturally.com/rps.asp>) RPS."*

The Power Naturally website noted above also includes current information on government and state rebate/incentive programs.

Renewable resources include solar, wind, biomass, and some hydroelectricity. In order to achieve the RPS "25 by 2013" goal, NYSERDA offers grants and incentives to help bring down the costs of these clean resources.

### Some interesting facts:

Wind power can help reduce the impact of polluting emissions and a single 2.0 megawatt wind turbine can provide a year's worth of electricity for 700 average New York homes.

Hydropower, such as the facility located at Niagara Falls, uses falling water to rotate and produce electricity. New York City is installing the first variant of kinetic hydropower in the East River.

Biofuels are made from plant sources that take carbon dioxide from the air to grow. Using plants to produce transportation and heating fuels will reduce emissions.

Fuel cells use fuel, such as hydrogen gas, combined with oxygen from the air to produce electricity and hot water without pollution.

Solar energy involves photovoltaic cells for electricity production or thermal collectors for heating water.

**\*\* For the latest on Jewett news visit the Town's website at [www.townofjewett.com](http://www.townofjewett.com) \*\***

## Historical Register

The Greene County Historical Society established the Historical Register May 30, 1990 to document the County's sites of historic and architectural significance, and to advance public awareness and preservation of the County's historic resources. Since then, over 200 historic homes or sites have been listed on the Register.

The Historical Register Committee representing the fourteen towns in Greene County meets monthly at the Vedder Research Library on the Bronck Museum Grounds to evaluate applications. The committee encourages property owners to submit applications for entry on the Register. Applications can be obtained at the Vedder Research Library, from a committee member, or you may download a Word version of the application at their website: <http://www.gchistory.org/historicreg.php>

Greene County Historical Register Committee, c/o Vedder Research Library, 90 County Road 42, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

## Greene County Department for Aging

The Greene County Department for the Aging's goal is to ensure a network of supportive services to assist the County's senior residents to maintain their dignity and independence within their communities.

Supportive services include legal services, caregiver support, energy assistance, entitlement counseling, transportation and the operation of volunteer programs. Additional supportive services through the main office include transportation to medical appointments and the Long Term Ombudsman Program. Such long term care services as case management, homemaker/personal care services, home delivered meals, respite services, senior companions and personal emergency response systems provide necessary support to frail home-bound older persons.

Services are provided to Greene County residents 60 years of age. Offices: 411 Main Street, Catskill NY. 518-719-3555.

## AMBULANCE SERVICES

**Residents** of the town of Jewett currently receive ambulance service through the Town via contract with Windham Ambulance Service.

The contract defines a **resident** as a property owner, and covered under the services are also resident's spouse, children, mother and father living with property owner. If a resident as stated above, requires ambulance service, the Town will bill your insurance carrier. The resident will not be responsible for any remaining balance after insurance reimbursement.

## Victory Days - Windham

A World War II Living History and Veterans Tribute Event presented by the Community of Windham Foundation at the Centre Church, Route 23, Windham, NY on November 7 and 8th. 518-734-5655.

## Greene County Directory

Web addresses for access to physical addresses and phone numbers for Greene County Offices: [www.greenegovernment.com/countyinfo.htm](http://www.greenegovernment.com/countyinfo.htm)

Greene County Towns and Villages:  
<http://00644c9.netsolhost.com/towninfo.htm>

School District Information:  
<http://00644c9.netsolhost.com/schoolinfo.htm>

Greene County Department Listings:  
<http://00644c9.netsolhost.com/departments.htm>



## Fall Colors of Music Series

Celebrate the end of 2008 with George Gee's Latin Swing Band. Saturday, December 27 at 8 p.m. 518-263-2063. Doctorow Center for the Arts, Route 23A, Hunter, NY. [www.catskillmtn.org](http://www.catskillmtn.org)

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**3547 County Rte. 23C, P.O. Box 132**  
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**518-263-4646**

**Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed legal holidays.

Building Permits and Zoning Forms available at <http://www.townofjewett.com/forms.htm>

Town of Jewett Merchandise available at the Town Clerk's Office. Visit [www.townofjewett.com](http://www.townofjewett.com), and go down to the bottom of the home page to see the available merchandise and designs.

**Extra Helpings Food Program** - Pay by the 1st of each month, no age or income limit. Items vary each month. Menus are posted monthly on the Town's website.

**Senior Citizen Meals-on-Wheels** - Meals are served daily, Monday through Friday at 12 noon at the Jewett Center. Call to make a reservation. Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. Please call (518) 263-4392 for further information.

**IS YOUR DOG LICENSED?** "New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law"

Every person who owns or harbors a dog over the age of 4 months and resides in the Town, by law, has to license that dog or dogs. REQUIREMENTS are a current rabies certificate and a spayed or neutered certificate. Licenses can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. Spayed or neutered dog is \$4.50. For an unspayed or unneutered dog \$12.50. Licenses are renewed annually through Agriculture and Markets. A rabies tag IS NOT a LICENSE.

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