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Supervisor's Desk – Webb A. Stevens

As Supervisor, I'd like to take this opportunity to look back on some of the Town's accomplishments during the past year. I'm pleased to report the following:

- The Town received State approval for the Southern Onondaga Water District. The District, formed through a cooperative effort between the Towns of Spafford, Marcellus, and Otisco, will provide more than one hundred homes in the Town of Spafford with drinkable water. We expect construction to begin later this year.
- In an effort to prepare our community for large scale emergencies, our Town Board, Highway Department and key Town employees received national training and certification to improve communications and coordinate services during major emergencies.
- Residents now have access to a public computer with high speed internet service in our Town's reading room. Located in the Community Room at the Town Hall, this computer, as well s a selection of books is available to all Town residents during the Town Clerk's hours.
- In recognition of invaluable service to our community, the Town Board unanimously approved a property tax exemption for our volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel. To these dedicated individuals who so generously give of their time and talents, we express our gratitude.
- Our Town's Recreation Committee succeeded in its efforts to promote awareness and use of parks and natural areas in our community. Spafford and the Town of Scott have partnered in developing Scott Park, located at the south end of Skaneateles Lake. A boat launch, hiking trails, picnic facilities and summer youth activities are all available to Spafford residents. All you need is a current Spafford Transfer Station sticker.
- A granite marker, oak benches and a pergola have been incorporated into our Veterans' Memorial Park. An Honor Roll recognizing Spafford's Revolutionary War, Civil War and World War I veterans now hangs in tribute at the Town Hall.
- Improvements, including driveway repair, monument restoration, tree trimming and new signs were made to our cemeteries under the guidance of Spafford's Cemetery Committee.
- New highway equipment was purchased, to better enable our Town's Highway Department to repair and maintain Spafford roads.
- To better communicate with residents, a Town website was established ([www.townofspafford.com](http://www.townofspafford.com)). Here you will find special notices, agendas, minutes to Town meetings, a calendar of events and more.

I would like to personally thank all of our dedicated Town employees, Board and committee members and other volunteers who have worked together to make Spafford a better place to live.



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Building Department Update

At the March 8, 2007 Town Board meeting, the Spafford Town Board adopted a new fee schedule for building activities in the Town of Spafford, (Resolution #38-2007). The schedule is as follows:

- All building applications fees: ----- \$25.00
- Demolition permit fee:-----\$25.00
- Variance application fee:----- \$50.00

*Building permit fee is determined by the construction value. To determine calculated construction value:*

- Residential property\* -----\$90.00 per sq. foot
- Non-habital property\*----- \$35.00 per sq. foot  
(sheds, garages, decks, etc)
- Mobile home permit fee
  - Single wide: -----\$125.00
  - Double wide-----same as residential property

*\*Refer to schedule below for actual permit cost*

- Installation of swimming pools:
  - Above ground-----\$60.00
  - In ground-----\$120.00
- Installation of wood stove or similar unit-----\$60.00
- Special Use Permit-----\$50.00

*In the event that the building permit must be renewed (permit valid for one year) a fee equal to 50% of the original permit fee will be charged prior to re-issuance of permit. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy is 50% of original cost of the building permit.*

**\*BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTRUCTION CODE**

(Septic, plumbing and electrical inspections are the responsibility of the home owners)

Fees will be based on local construction factor.

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| Up to \$2,000              | \$45.00   |
| \$2001 - \$25,000          | \$45.00 for first \$2,000 plus \$4.00 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof        |
| \$25,001 - \$50,000        | \$137.00 for first \$25,000 plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof      |
| \$50,001 - \$100,000       | \$212.00 for first \$50,000 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof      |
| \$100,001 - \$500,000      | \$312.00 for first \$100,000 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof     |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | \$912.00 for first \$500,000 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof     |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | \$1,662.00 for first \$1,000,000 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof |
| \$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000 | \$7662.00 for first \$5,000,000 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$5000 or fraction thereof  |



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2007 Town of Spafford  
Memorial Day Observance

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to our nation. The Town of Spafford will observe Memorial Day with a parade and commemorative program to be held on **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** As in previous years, the parade will begin at the Borodino Fire Hall and conclude at the Veterans' Memorial. All former and current members of the armed services are invited to march in the parade. The program will last approximately one hour, and in case of inclement weather, will be held indoors. Questions can be directed to Susan Underwood, (315) 673-1206.

The Memorial Day Observance Committee has been appointed by the Spafford Town Board. Members of the committee are: Merrill Clark, Joe Marcheterre, Barbara Shoemaker, Susan Underwood (chairperson) and Mark Valletta.

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"Bits and Pieces"

- ❖ The "Free Will Baptist Church" organized in Spafford, c.1816. They built the church on the hill east of Spafford Corners. (Now Cold Brook Road, near the present cemetery). c.1835-1840, most of the congregation converted to Mormonism and began to move west. Spafford population in 1830 was 2,647 and soon dropped below the 2,000 mark. (As of the 2000 Spafford census, our population is only at 1660.) The original Baptist Church was moved to the "Corners" and converted into a general store by Uriah Roundy, son of Asahel, in 1867.
- ❖ 1856...(Borodino) Fire destroys tin shop, tailor shop, and foundry at a loss of \$8000. Rebuilding began soon after.
- ❖ 1871...(Borodino) Fire again destroys Borodino businesses; including those of Wm. Legg and Son, William Quick, Charles Rich, H.L. Darling and Charles Benton.
- ❖ c.1895-1905...Area becomes the "Sweet Pea Gardens".
- ❖ c.1910... Seymour Norton begins to build what would later become Rosers Store; "The Wise Stop" and the apartments, before being removed to make way for "The Spafford Veterans Memorial Park". (2003)
- ❖ Stone used to build the original Causeway over Otisco Lake (1868-69) came from up on Churchill Hill Road. Mules were used to draw the stone for the stone masons who were Italian Stone Cutters.
- ❖ Spafford's "Split Rock". Tully Limestone is an excellent building stone that weathers to a light blue color. It is found near Borodino at Ripleys' ravine; located 1 1/2 mile NW of Spafford Corners. The Nunnery school was built of this material and was the only stone school in the town. Spafford quarried stone was taken to Skaneateles Lake and loaded on to steamboats to Skaneateles, where it was used for side walks in that village.

--Town of Spafford Historian  
Barbara Shoemaker (2007)

Resources used:

Town records; Beauchamps and Bruces Histories of Onondaga County, Local folk lore and history.



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Public Notices

The Town of Spafford uses the Skaneateles Press/Marcellus Observer as our official newspaper. All public notices are published in these papers. We additionally send the notices to the Cortland Standard for inclusion in their Around the Towns section. We also place the notices in the Skaneateles Pennysaver and the Tully Pennywise. And of course, notices can be found on our website: [www.townofspafford.com](http://www.townofspafford.com).

If you would like to subscribe to the Skaneateles Press/Marcellus Observer, or any of the Eagle Newspapers community weekly newspapers/specialty publications; you can call the circulation department at 434-8889 ext. 342.

Transfer Station

- I apologize for the fading on the Transfer Station tags. Many of you may have noticed there is no visible writing on the tags, just the preprinted year. At the time of purchase, your last name and the month of expiration were written on each tag. The fading has led to some confusion with when the permit expires. If you aren't sure when your permit expires, please give us a call or stop at the office and we can check the file.
- **April! Metal Day is back!** Any item at least 50% metal that cannot be recycled may be brought to the Spafford Transfer Station for disposal on the third Saturday of the month, April – October. If you are looking to dispose of a unit that contains Freon, there is an additional fee of \$10 to allow for proper disposal. A valid Transfer Station permit is required.
- **Large Item/Household Days** Our next Household Day is June 2, 2007. Mark your calendars!

Spafford Food Pantry

The Spafford Food Pantry is serving breakfast ever Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. through April 29. Join your neighbors, or invite some to join you, for pancakes, eggs, toast, sausage, ham, home fries, coffee, cocoa, milk, and juice at the most reasonable price in Town!

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!** The Easter Bunny will be at the Spafford Fire house this Saturday, April 7, for breakfast. Come have your picture taken with him. We will also have a jelly bean count contest and a coloring contest. And new this year, kids can color eggs to take home!

# Grievance Day

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please call 673-4144  
to schedule an appointment

Form RP-524 must be completed before your appointment. This form is available at [www.orps.state.ny.us](http://www.orps.state.ny.us) or at our office.

*Town Clerk's Office Hours*

Tuesday & Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Or call and we can set up an appointment!

