

# Town of Greenville

PUBLIC HEARING: DOG LAW, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 6:30pm

*This meeting will be held in person at Pioneer Hall.*

*For the public's convenience this meeting will be accessible remotely, over a conference call. To participate via the teleconference, please call in shortly before the meeting start time to the following number: (701)-802-5491. An access code number will be requested; please enter #3962864. When prompted please clearly state your name.*

6:30pm Public Hearing: Local Law #2 of 2023

7:00pm Regular Monthly Meeting

Approval of minutes

## OLD BUSINESS

- a) Rescue Squad
- b) Highway
- c) Buildings and Grounds
- d) Code Enforcement
- e) Sewer
- f) Water
- g) Recycling
- h) Assessor
- i) Planning Board
- j) Dog Control Officer
- k) Beautification Committee
- l) Events/Planning
- m) Greg Davis, District #4 County Legislator

## NEW BUSINESS

- a) Yard Sale Days Sign-up, September 22, 23 & 24
- b) Summer Concert Series, Two Weeks Remaining
- c) County Propane Bid
- d) Big Woods Road, Speed Reduction Survey
- e) Adopt Resolution, Processing PB/Building/Zoning Money
- f) Boy Scout Building Side Walks, Neal Augstein
- g) Pavilion Dedication, September 13
- h) Misc.

OPEN MEETING

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

BILL PAYING/AUDIT OF BILLS

OFFICIAL MEETING TIMES, ONCE MOVED UPON, CAN BE FOUND IN THE MINUTES, ON THE OFFICIAL SIGNBOARD AT TOWN HALL AND POSTED IN THE OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSPAPER AS IS REQUIRED BY TOWN LAW

**Town of Greenville  
Building Department  
Monthly Report**

Month of JULY, 2023

Building Permits: 12

Inspections: 32

Title Searches: 6

2 FEES TO TOWN CLERK  
4 FEES TO BOOK KEEPER

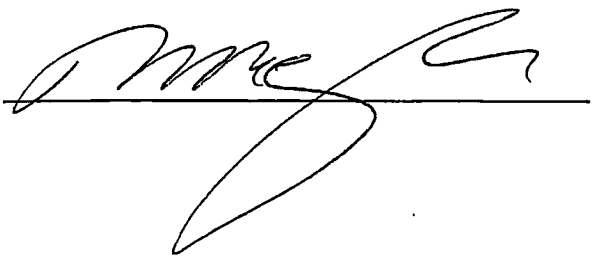
Septic Permits: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Permits: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Calls: 1

Violations: 2

**Notes**

  
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Town of Greenville  
**Miscellaneous Cash Report**  
 For Transaction Type: Permits  
 For: All Fee Types  
 Date Range: 07/01/2023 to 07/31/2023

<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>Receipt #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Permits	CO Search		07/28/2023	Hunter-windham, Abstract 6193 Main Street Po Box 908 Tannersville, NY 12485	1	\$50.00
Permits	CO Search		07/28/2023	Smrp, Title 50 Chapel St Albany, NY 12207	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-052	07/13/2023	D'andria, Virginia 180 Drake Hill Rd Freehold, NY 12431	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-054	07/10/2023	Mckeown, Patrick 10467 S R 32 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$75.00
Permits	Building	B23-055	07/10/2023	Birch, Teresa 40 Pine Crest Ln Freehold, NY 12431	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-056	07/10/2023	Sudds, Pete 1965 C R 41 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-057	07/10/2023	Stokes, Family Rev. Trust 6 Christopher Ct Saint James, NY 11780	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-058	07/10/2023	Stokes, Family Rev. Trust 6 Christopher Ct Saint James, NY 11780	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-059	07/20/2023	Caprio, Robert 56 Birch Hill Rd Freehold, NY 12431	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B23-060	07/20/2023	Mink, Denise 33 Ingalside Rd Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$134.50
Permits	Building	B23-061	07/20/2023	Sigda, Jacquelyn 62 Sunny Hill Acres Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$25.00
Permits	Building	B23-062	07/20/2023	Content, Phillipe 297 Red Mills Rd Freehold, NY 12431	1	\$125.00
Permits	Building	B23-063	07/25/2023	Llumitasig, Christian Celian 1424 Putnam Ave Brooklyn, NY 11237	1	\$125.00
Permits	Building	B23-064	07/31/2023	Wagar, Stephen 544 Old Route 3 Acra, NY 12405	1	\$125.00

**Total Quantity:** 14  
**Grand Total:** \$1,009.50

# Office of the Assessor

**Gordon W. Bennett, IAO**

Ph: 518-966-5055x3

Fx: 518-966-4108

[gwb81560@gmail.com](mailto:gwb81560@gmail.com)

August 18, 2023

*RE: August Monthly Report*

## ***SCARS***

To date we have received 3 small claim filings.

## ***School Tax Roll***

The data file for the school tax bills was uploaded to RPTS on August 8, 2023.

## ***Data Collection***

Data collection is still ongoing.



## Resolution No. 233-23

### Awarding Bid For Propane

WHEREAS, the Acting Clerk of the Greene County Legislature did advertise in the Albany Times Union on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the Mountain Eagle on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for propane (fixed and/or variable) for the year beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to several locations in Greene County; and

WHEREAS, three (3) propane bids were received, opened and read publicly, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and as a result thereof, it was determined that the lowest responsible fixed price bidder meeting all specifications for propane was: ~~Nolan Bottle Gas Company, Inc., P.O. Box 280, Ravena, New York 12143.~~

For propane for all eleven (11) county sites (listed below), the fixed price of ~~\$1.19493~~ **per gallon**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Emergency Operations Center, Cairo | Highway Dept. Shop #1, Athens    |
| Seven Bay Garage, Cairo            | Highway Dept. Bldg. #2, Athens   |
| Fire Training Center, Cairo        | Highway Dept. Bldg. #3, Ashland  |
| Rivertown Senior Center, Athens    | Highway Dept. Bldg. #4, Freehold |
| Acra Senior Center, Acra           | Highway Dept. Bldg. #5, Hunter   |
| Buildings and Grounds, Catskill    |                                  |

and

for any other political subdivision, fire company or district, the fixed price of \$1.19493 per gallon;

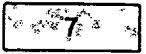
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fixed price bid for propane for the year beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 for the above eleven (11) county sites and for any political subdivision, fire company or district be awarded to Nolan Bottle Gas Company, Inc., and that the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature be authorized to execute a contract with Nolan Bottle Gas Company, Inc., subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 7-7-23 Award Memo for Propane (Sept. 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024) (PDF)

**Meeting History**

07/10/23 Public Works **MOVED FOR ADOPTION**



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FOR ADOPTION [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Charles A. Martinez, Legislator / Budget Officer
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Patricia Handel, Legislator
<b>AYES:</b>	Thorington, Martinez, Hobart, Bulich, Handel, Legg, Linger, Lennon
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Matthew Luvera

07/17/23 Finance **MOVED FOR ADOPTION**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FOR ADOPTION [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Charles A. Martinez, Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Thomas Hobart, Legislator
<b>AYES:</b>	Martinez, Hobart, Bulich, Davis, Legg, Linger, Luvera, Lennon
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Linda H. Overbaugh

**Current Meeting**

07/19/23 Greene County Legislature **ADOPTED**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Charles A. Martinez, Legislator/Budget Officer
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Patricia Handel, Legislator
<b>AYES:</b>	Bloomer, Bulich, Davis, Handel, Hobart, Legg, Lennon, Lucas, Luvera, Martinez, Overbaugh, Thorington, True, Linger

(10,000)  
Ayes 14 Noes 0 Absent 0

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
EDWARD I. KAPLAN, ESQ.  
GREENE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- cc: All Departments via County Wide Sharepoint
- 1 - Nolan (Certified)
- 1 - B&G
- 1 - Emergency Services
- 1 - Highway (Certified)
- All Town & Village Clerks/Supervisors/Mayors/Presidents/Highway Superintendents (Certified)
- 2 - File - Highway (Electronic)



**GREENVILLE**  
**CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*International Baccalaureate District*

Todd Hilgendorff  
*Assistant Superintendent for Business*

To: Paul Macko, Greenville Town Supervisor  
 From: Michael Bennett, Superintendent of Schools  
 Todd Hilgendorff, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
 RE: Emergency Building Use during Evacuation/Crisis  
 Date: July 28, 2023

We would like to thank you for allowing the Greenville Central School District to continue to use the Town Park Barn facility for emergency evacuations that require us to move our students off campus. We have updated our contact information this school year.

In the event of a crisis that requires us to move our students off-site, we will contact you to let you know if we plan on using your site in that particular case. We also want to ensure that we have the proper emergency contact information as it relates to your facility.

Name	Title	Work Phone Number	Cell Phone #
Jessica Lewis	Town Clerk	518-966-5055 ext.5	
Tim Fitzgerald	Maintenance Supervisor	518-966-5055 ext.4	518-653-4866
Paul Macko	Town Supervisor	518-966-5055 ext.2	518-573-4703

Our emergency contact numbers are as follows:

Name	Title	Work Phone Number	Cell Phone #
Michael Bennett	Superintendent	518-966-5070 ext.501/514	518-421-4520
Erin DuBois	Assistant Superintendent	518-966-5070 ext.525/522	518-429-9544
Todd Hilgendorff	Assistant Superintendent for Business	518-966-5070 ext.511/512	518-821-2977
Kristy Goergen	High School Principal	518-966-5070 ext.401/403	518-469-9955
Brian Reeve	Middle School Principal	518-966-5070 ext.451/452	518-291-6547 518-221-3797
Peter Mahan	Elementary School Principal	518-966-5070 ext.301/303	518-928-7050
Rich Outtrim	Director of Facilities	518-966-5070 ext.4662	518-291-6543

On behalf of the Greenville Central School District we would like to thank you for your commitment to our staff, faculty and student safety. If any of the information that we have is inaccurate or you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Sara Statham, 518-966-5070 ext.511.

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

July 2023, Issue 3126

Garth Bryant—Lake Family Research

An overflow crowd turned out for Garth's program, with ten chairs from the smaller community room needed! Present: Stephanie Ingalls, Eileen & Ed Volmar, Barbara Valicenti, Peter O'Hara & John Garofalo (w/ recent quadruple bypass! – tough bird!), Larry Brown, Johanne & Robert Titus, Margaret Donahue, Jeff Pellerin, Stewart Wagner, Flip Flach, Harriet & Artie Marini, Roger Morey, Rachel Ceasar, Richard Ceasar, Gerry & Ken Elsbree, Bette Welter, Jack Van Auken, Anita Orsino, Curt Cunningham, Susan & Peter Keitel, Jeanette (Bryant) & Bill Borman with children Luke & Gabrielle & Emma, Terry & Garth Bryant, Sunnie and Liam Tiernan, Diane & Ken Fritz, Christine Mickelsen, and Debra & Don Teator. A few souls may have eluded my memory and the sign-in list.

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And then there was the Sylvia program about early Greenville, containing loads of information whose trail Garth would follow. During that meeting, one mis-identification of boundaries sparked a question about early Greenville that Garth knew he had to delve into.

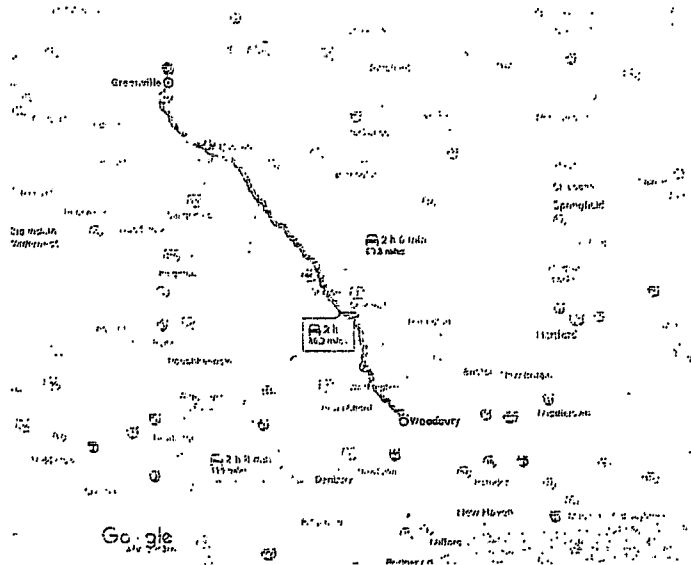
Before this gets much further, allow me to suggest that this will be a summary of Garth's account this evening. A fuller account will be written this coming fall or winter.

And I must admit to being a little intimidated in trying to capture the essence of Garth's comments when it covers so much territory. I promise to come close by narrative's end even if it seems rather circuitous.

I would be remiss not to remind everyone that Garth's research path was not a straight line, as most of our research rarely is. Over time, several strands would intertwine, one strand taking precedent for a while and then another. And I had a front row seat to much of it.

Garth's starting point was to find Edward Lake, the person mentioned on the historical marker. Garth soon questioned why this Lake seemed to have gotten short shrift in the writings of Greenville local history. Much has been made of Spees (Curt Cunningham is a descendant) and Knowles, the other two of the three "founders" of Greenville. Why do those two get more attention than Lake?

The 1871 Greenville Memorial booklet, a Ninetieth Year celebration of the founding of Greenville, clearly assigns heroic status to many of Greenville's founders but Lake or the Lake family is not mentioned. One of Garth's theories is that the Memorial was promulgated by community members who were members of the Presbyterian Church. Lake, as far as we can tell, was not Presbyterian. Still, there was not an easy-to-find trail back to the Lakes.



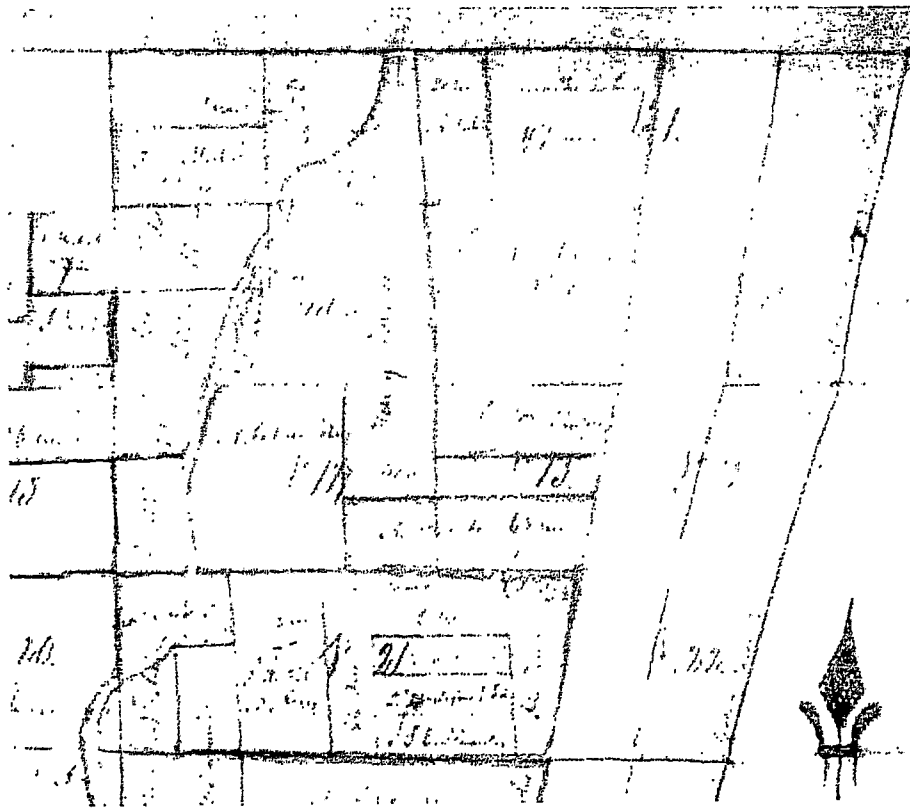
A Google Map depiction of today's connection between Greenville and Woodbury CT, home of our early settlers

An early but major distraction, and quite worthwhile, were the claims to the land that make up modern day Greenville. The Coeymans Patent runs twelve miles inland from the Hudson River, lining up just a short distance to the east of Rt 32. To the west of that was the Prevost Patent: Complicating that is the fact that no distance from the Hudson River results in a straight line. The difference is a small chapter in Garth's account and one that might appear in the longer version.

The Prevost Patent goes back to our Major Augustine Prevost's father and, as Garth quips, we will call him General Prevost, even if not exactly correct. General Prevost was rewarded because of his service in the mid-18th century to the King of England and that "ownership" persisted until/through the American Revolution.

As most of you historians know, any landowner who backed the King in the American Revolution lost, or forfeited, their holdings. Except for when it did not happen.

As it would turn out, Aaron Burr, a major political figure in early American politics, had



Early map showing Prevoist Patent, with names of owners of parcels. Far right shows empty space—contested land between Prevoist and Coeymans. Garth's Lake is the upper row, right center; and the Basic Creek winds vertically on the left center, with another Lake in the upper Basic. Garth has come to know every bend in that section of the Basic

married into the Prevoist family. So, when Major Prevoist looked over the family holdings from early grants and business dealings, and having forfeited all the others further west, he was faced with one last tract of land—6000 acres—in upstate NY. With help from Burr, Prevoist was left off the official list of Forfeiture. So, in 1792, Major Augustine Prevoist came back to Greenville (or whatever name it goes by in those years) to re-claim his land. It is his family's land, after all.

However, as the American Revolution was ending, and as New Englanders and military veterans were looking westward, the smart ones were looking for unclaimed land that would have been forfeited. And they saw this 6000 acre tract in Greenville. In come Spees, Knowles, Lake, Nortons by the bunches, and

many more to claim 600 acres as the first of those named did, or simply several or more acres to start a better life than they were facing in New England or Dutchess County (NY).

One aside: It was in some of these early maps showing the property lines that Garth found a better spot for the Knowles historical marker, the west side of the road for the Lake marker, a much more likely and correct spot for the Old Mill marker, and inspiration for the Burr marker.

A second aside: Abraham Lott deserves mention. A relative of the Coeymanses, of the patent next door, Lott saw a chance to make some money from what he thought would be a forfeiture. He started selling land that was not his to unsuspecting victims. He becomes well known enough that the Greenville area

for a few short years is referred to as Lottsania. Scams and frauds played prominently in early Greenville history.

Back to the settlers. These people started clearing land, building houses, constructing roads, making schools, and forming a local government. The American Dream, 1780s version, was playing out. Until 1792, that is, when Prevost comes back to claim his land. And Prevost's claim stood up and dozens of people who had been developing their property for the previous ten years with their hard work and sweat were "robbed."

These early settlers now were being evicted unless they bought the land they thought was theirs. And almost none of the large "landowners" were wealthy enough to buy 600 acres so it was a portion they kept. Knowles kept more than the others. Among the smaller landowners, many were forced to leave. Thus, that area to the west of the Prevost Manor House, the part we call Norton Hill today, was called that because of the number of Norton families, very few of whom remained in Greenville very long after the re-possession.

Doing the legal work, and making sure the contracts would be enforced, was, yes, you guessed it, was Aaron Burr who had an office in a house at the junction of today's SR 81 and Ida Smith Ln, and thus the recently erected marker.

Eventually, Prevost donates two acres of his land to the Town of Greenville that would become the Town Park around the pond, today's Veterans Memorial Park. Keep in mind there was already a church there and even Major Prevost saw the gain in recognizing reality and gave up two of his six thousand acres.

After Garth's research, we might gain a different view of Prevost, if you had one at all. Many have viewed him as one of Greenville's great benefactors. However, it is a much more complex picture, with both negative and positive and we each should make our own judgment.

What about the Lakes? You thought this author got distracted, heh? In the background, Garth had been collecting records of all the Lakes he could find. In the 1840s, Garth found 51 Lakes in Greenville; ten years later, only 24; in 1870, only 13; and there were none in 1900. Out of sight, out of mind for most of us.

But Garth persisted, creating a lengthy family tree. His two granddaughters in attendance this evening—Gabrielle and Emma—held the ends of the family tree and stretched the chart for twenty feet across the front of the room. I will spare you the generations and who came from who and which ones gave Garth the most trouble. I will make sure Garth spends a chapter in our longer version about the Lake relatives.

But then came a golden result.

Garth had spent tens of hours of research fleshing out the different Lake families, finding historical markers to be moved and/or created, finding early maps that are vital to understanding early Greenville history, revealing the character of Major Prevost, and more.

But... in a conversation with his dad, a discussion of his own ancestry revealed their was a Lavinia Lake who was a direct ancestor. And Lavinia, as fate would have it, was related to Israel Lake. And Israel Lake was the first resident of Garth's property. A property search, a local history search had become a family find.

In my own very loosey-goosey style, I have captured, I hope, the essence of Garth's finds. I can only promise that I will make Garth promise to write up his account, more formally, more fully to become what I think will be one of the most important accounts of early Greenville early history, ranking close to Ray Beecher's History of Greenville.

Garth, thank you so much, and a tip of all our hats to your efforts!

## Notes

—Thank you, Stephanie and Christine, for supplying the “light refreshments.”

—The 2023 historical marker wave appears to be finished. Deb selected four that needed spiffing. I arranged with Town of Greenville Maintenance head Tim Fitzgerald and very able assistant Clif Powell to remove the markers from the pole and transport them to my house. Whereupon, Deb would sand the markers clean, paint the background blue, and then hand-paint each letter. When ready, Tim and Clif would gather the markers and place them as if new. Thank you, Deb & Tim & Clif. (below is the Drake marker)

A fifth marker, a new one, had its hole dug by Tim and Clif. The new marker was erected by Peter O’Hara and myself at O’Hara Corner.

—As sometimes happens, I received a call that someone wanted to donate GCS Yearbooks. In came one 1952, two from 1947, and two from 1951 – one hardcover, one paperback. The paperback I had not seen before.

Also shown at the meeting were the newest of the Yearbooks – the HS and the MS Yearbooks. Although the formats are slightly different, there is still a lot in common, and all are good local history documents.

I am still missing two yearbooks. The absence of 1983 and 1994 keep me from saying I have all the yearbooks. Can anyone help find either one?

Below is the cover of the 2023 HS Yearbook.

—Prevost Hall is undergoing some renovation under the eye of Community Partners of Greenville. Perhaps, during the September meeting, I can squeeze in ten minutes for an update of what is happening.

—Liam and Sunnie would normally win the youngest attendees prize but a very welcome gathering of Garth and Terry’s grandchildren – Luke, Gabrielle, Emma – took the grand prize!

—Music in the Park, Tuesdays in July and August, continues its very successful second season. A few hundred people often attend.



**August 14 Program: Chuck Jesse**  
Serendipity!

Chuck will present a program on the Jesse's Elm Shade resort, the one that stood where Greenwood Apartments are today at the junction of SR 32 and Irving Rd.

A couple years ago, I received an email from a stranger (until then) with a name familiar to Greenville-ites, offering to share many photos of Elm Shade back in its heyday.

The flood of photos came in and I could not help myself but ask Chuck if he might be tempted to do a program, even

though he lives in Ohio. I scarcely believed he said yes, tried to cover my surprise, started making plans for a date for a meeting, and here we are.

It was Chuck's parents who operated Elm Shade and his grand-parents who operated Breezy Knoll early on.

And if any of you GLHGers knew Chuck or any of the Jesses and told me about them, I seem to have forgotten.

Please come out to recognize a very welcome confluence of events for this account about one of our resorts that sat at the edge of the hamlet of Greenville.



Photo from the 2002 GLHG Calendar

Caption to this photo:

A familiar sight in Greenville's boarding house heyday, Jesse's Elm Shade stood on the property near the intersection of Irving Road and Route 32, today the site of Greenwood Apartments. City guests would stay for a week, or weeks, at a farmhouse operated by John and Vida Lowe, which in turn was operated by Warren Jesse. The main house was torn down in the 1980s, and the guest room cabins were renovated into today's apartments. The incline in the inset marks the spot of the main house. A nearby historic marker notes that this location was first settled by the Spees family. Courtesy of Gerald Boomhower

## GLHG Newsletter - July 2023

From: Don Teator (dteator@gmail.com)

To: dteator@gmail.com

Bcc: pmackogrsuper@aol.com

Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 at 07:34 AM EDT

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Good day, Greenville Historians,

- August! Already?! Another summer is slinking by. I trust each of you are making the best of what you have left of summer.
- Below: text of newsletter; attached are six photos.
- Also attached: pdf file (glhg 316) of actual newsletter. Open and print if you want the genuine newsletter as produced.
- I have bcc'd the 250 of you for privacy's sake.
- Feel free to forward this email, or encourage someone else to sign up.
- Reminder: No cost for email newsletter. The only dues are to care about our local history, to keep telling good stories, and to consider writing some of them down.
- Looking ahead: the August 14 will feature Chuck Jesse and his account of his years at his parents' resort—Jesse's Elm Shade. An unusual and rare opportunity awaits August attendees.
- I have received two accounts of people's memories of their resort experience. I welcome more, if any of you want to put memories and lessons to paper.
- Local refreshments once again are provided courtesy of Stephanie and Christine.

### Reminders:

- Past issues of newsletters can be found at: <https://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>
- All calendar photos are viewable at: <https://vedderresearchlibrary.org/greenville-resources>

Six photos are attached, identified here:

- a Google Map of the path between Woodbury CT and Greenville
- a survey map of early Greenville
- Lake historical marker, moved to a more accurate spot
- Debra, Tim, & Clif posing with newly painted Drake marker
- 2023 GCS HS Yearbook cover
- Jesse's Elm Shade (for August meeting)

Take care,  
Don

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## NEWSLETTER START

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## GLHG Newsletter - July 2023

From: Don Teator (dteator@gmail.com)

To: dteator@gmail.com

Bcc: pmackogrsuper@aol.com

Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 at 07:34 AM EDT

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Good day, Greenville Historians,

-- August! Already?! Another summer is slinking by. I trust each of you are making the best of what you have left of summer.

-- Below: text of newsletter; attached are six photos.

-- Also attached: pdf file (glhg 316) of actual newsletter. Open and print if you want the genuine newsletter as produced.

-- I have bcc'd the 250 of you for privacy's sake.

-- Feel free to forward this email, or encourage someone else to sign up.

-- Reminder: No cost for email newsletter. The only dues are to care about our local history, to keep telling good stories, and to consider writing some of them down.

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-- I have received two accounts of people's memories of their resort experience. I welcome more, if any of you want to put memories and lessons to paper.

-- Local refreshments once again are provided courtesy of Stephanie and Christine.

Reminders:

-- Past issues of newsletters can be found at: <https://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>

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Six photos are attached, identified here:

- a Google Map of the path between Woodbury CT and Greenville
- a survey map of early Greenville
- Lake historical marker, moved to a more accurate spot
- Debra, Tim, & Clif posing with newly painted Drake marker
- 2023 GCS HS Yearbook cover
- Jesse's Elm Shade (for August meeting)

Take care,  
Don

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## NEWSLETTER START

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An overflow crowd turned out for Garth's program, with ten chairs from the smaller community room needed! Present: Stephanie Ingalls, Eileen & Ed Volmar, Barbara Valicenti, Peter O'Hara & John Garofalo (w/ recent quadruple bypass! – tough bird!), Larry Brown, Johanné & Robert Titus, Margaret Donahue, Jeff Pellerin, Stewart Wagner, Flip Flach, Harriet & Artie Marini, Roger Morey, Rachel Ceasar, Richard Ceasar, Gerry & Ken Elsbree, Bette Welter, Jack Van Auken, Anita Orsino, Curt Cunningham, Susan & Peter Keitel, Jeanette (Bryant) & Bill Borman with children Luke & Gabrielle & Emma, Terry & Garth Bryant, Sunnie and Liam Tiernan, Diane & Ken Fritz, Christine Mickelsen, and Debra & Don Teator. A few souls may have eluded my memory and the sign-in list.

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## **Garth's Lake Family Research**

The time had come!

I had asked Garth Bryant to present his findings of his research of the Lake family, one of the earliest families in Greenville (Greenfield, Freehold also, depending on the year).

We have, over past months and years, gathered snippets of Garth's research from his reports of "peripheral" topics. The articles about the Lake, Early Saw Mill, Knowles, and Burr historical markers evolved as part of his research. And we have heard discussions about Prevost, Norton Hill, the Basic Creek, patents, and more from time to time.

Yes, the time had come to put most of this all together for the Big Reveal.

Of course, the key question: Why was Garth researching the Lakes?

The simple answer, as many of us who have done genealogy or property searches – Garth wanted to know more about the people who owned the property he owns today on Ingalside Road.

Adding a little curiosity to that question was Garth's query of why the Lake historical marker, when he first started his research, sat across the street from the ballfield of the former Balsam Shade. He thought it should have been located further west, perhaps a lot further west.

And then there was the Sylvia program about early Greenville, containing loads of information whose trail Garth would follow. During that meeting, one mis-identification of boundaries sparked a question about early Greenville that Garth knew he had to delve into.

Before this gets much further, allow me to suggest that this will be a summary of Garth's account this evening. A fuller account will be written this coming fall or winter.

And I must admit to being a little intimidated in trying to capture the essence of Garth's comments when it covers so much territory. I promise to come close by narrative's end even if it seems rather circuitous.

I would be remiss not to remind everyone that Garth's research path was not a straight line, as most of our research rarely is. Over time, several strands would intertwine, one strand taking precedent for a while and then another. And I had a front row seat to much of it.

Garth's starting point was to find Edward Lake, the person mentioned on the historical marker. Garth soon questioned why this Lake seemed to have gotten short shrift in the writings of Greenville local history. Much has been made of Spees (Curt Cunningham is a descendant) and Knowles, the other two of the three "founders" of Greenville. Why do those two get more attention than Lake?

The 1871 Greenville Memorial booklet, a Ninetieth Year celebration of the founding of Greenville, clearly assigns heroic status to many of Greenville's founders but Lake or the Lake family is not mentioned. One of Garth's theories is that the Memorial was promulgated by community members who were members of the Presbyterian Church. Lake, as far as we can tell, was not Presbyterian. Still, there was not an easy-to-find trail back to the Lakes.

An early but major distraction/diversion, and quite worthwhile, were the claims to the land that make up modern day Greenville. The Coeymans Patent runs twelve miles inland from the Hudson River, lining up just a short distance to the east of Rt 32. To the west of that was the Prevost Patent. Complicating that is the fact that no distance from the Hudson River results in a straight line. The difference is a small chapter in Garth's account and one that might appear in the longer version.

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## WINDHAM

# Law gives Windham residents a break

By Michael Ryan

Hudson Valley Newspapers

There is one less excuse not to spruce up the place following passage of a new law in the town of Windham giving private citizens a tax break.

Government leaders have received notification from the state Department of State that the legislation, approved in mid-September, was officially on the books.

It couldn't come at a better time for the community as a massive infrastructure overhaul winds down, bringing a wastewater treatment system, freshly paved roads and clean water mains to the town.

The purpose of the new measure is to "provide a real estate tax exemption for residential homeowners making capital improvements to their residential buildings," the law states.

Further, the economic plan is expected to "encourage the reconstruction, improvement and alteration of the existing housing in the town of Windham," the law states.

Strict guidelines are written into the tax package which applies to the entire town, including the hamlets of

Hensonville and Maplecrest and surrounding area.

Adoption follows implementation, two years ago, of a low-interest loan. Facade Improvement Program aimed at beautifying downtown business districts.

The historic Windham Hardware store has utilized that loan, along with other funds, to completely restore the exterior of the Main Street building, winning an award from the county for the effort.

Town leaders are hopeful residents will be similarly motivated. "People shouldn't be financially punished for making their homes look good," Councilman James Miltenberger said.

Within the law, residential buildings are defined as "any building or structure designed and occupied exclusively for residential purposes by not more than two families."

There are some constraints on dollar amounts with exemptions limited to a maximum of \$30,000 and a minimum of \$3,000, the law states.

No exemption will be granted unless the greater portion of the building, as determined by square footage, is at least 10

years old, the law states.

Ordinary maintenance is not considered eligible for the exemption, nor are stand-alone structures such as detached garages or in-ground swimming pools, the law states.

An exemption can be given for additions, remodelings or modernizations done to prevent physical deterioration or to comply with applicable building, sanitary, health and/or fire codes, the law states.

Market value for the exemption is calculated by dividing the increase in assessed value attributable to the construction by the latest state or special equalization rate, the law states.

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In terms of pecuniary particulars, the law states, "the exemption base shall mean the increase in assessed value as determined in the initial year of the term of the exemption."

Reconstructions, alterations and improvements must be started subsequent to the effective date of the new law and tax

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Applications must be filed by the building owner with the town of Windham assessor using forms prescribed by the New York State Office of Real Property Services.

## Greene fire/rescue blotter

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Avoid vinyl siding & new windows on antique structures



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411 Main Street, Suite 247  
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**Stephanie Schleuderer**  
Executive Director

August 9, 2023

Town of Greenville Supervisor Paul Macko  
PO Box 38  
Greenville NY 12083

Dear Town of Greenville Supervisor Paul Macko,

The Greene County Department of Human Services is proud to announce the return of their Annual Senior Citizen Day. It will once again be held at the Historic Warehouse, Catskill Point (Main Street, Catskill). The date has been set for Friday, September 22, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Greene County Department for Human Services would like to invite you to join us on this special day. Representatives will be on hand with information on services that are available through our department for those over age 60. Local organizations and businesses will be in attendance with informational displays of services pertinent to senior citizens as well. A boxed lunch will be served.

The 2023 Greene County Senior Award winners - Senior Citizen of the Year, Patricia Elsbree, and the Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen winner, Robert Knighton - will also be recognized that day.

If you should have any questions or wish to RSVP, please contact myself at the Department of Human Services, (518) 719-3555 or e-mail [aging@discovergreene.com](mailto:aging@discovergreene.com).

Thank you in advance and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen Murphy".

Maureen Murphy  
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*If you need transportation,  
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DEADLINE: Fri. Sept 8*

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
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	MISC. FEES	Returned Check	1	20.00
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A 2555	CO Search	CO Search	2	100.00
	PERMIT FEES	Building	12	909.50
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$1,009.50</b>
A1603	Registrar Fees	Certified Copies	9	90.00
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A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	17	153.00
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		Purebred Licenses	1	50.00
	Late Fee	Late Fee	3	75.00
	Seniors, 65 and older	Seniors, 65 and older	7	-21.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$456.00</b>
A7550.4	Celebrations	Vendor Application	12	360.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$360.00</b>
		<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>		<b>\$4,925.14</b>
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			60.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			70.86
Amount paid to:	State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses			22.50
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>	<b>\$5,078.50</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$153.36</b>

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk, Town of Greenville during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Town Clerk

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**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

To the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF GREENVILLE

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CASH RECEIPTS	
FUND OR ACCOUNT	AMOUNT Received
<b>General Fund</b>	
interest	288.86
court fees	1215.00
clerk's deposit	6796.76
mort. tax	78219.51
tax penalties	13031.51
msc fees	140.00
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	\$99,691.64
<b>Highway Fund</b>	
interest	\$1618.96
<b>Library Fund</b>	
interest	1.27
monthly dep.	641.00
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	\$642.27
<b>Water Fund</b>	
interest	\$9.40
EFC \$109,660.71	
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
interest	\$115.63
EFC \$29,370.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,077.90</b>

Dated: July 31, 20 23

*Paul J. Marks*  
Town of Greenville Supervisor

**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

To the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF GREENVILLE

Pursuant to Section 119 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys disbursed by me, as Supervisor, during the month of July 20 23

DISBURSEMENTS	
FUND OR ACCOUNT	AMOUNT EXPENDED
<b>General Fund</b>	
pay 25-30m	55189.72
employee benefits	15657.64
abstract #8	7456.24
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	\$78,303.60
<b>Highway Fund</b>	
pay 25-30	30150.53
employee benefits	2238.09
abstract #8	22059.85
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	\$34,448.47
<b>Library Fund</b>	
pay 25-30a	9984.21
employee benefits	763.79
abstract #8	8839.34
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	\$19,587.34
<b>Water Fund</b>	
pay 25-30	5209.62
employee benefits	1627.92
abstract #8	22207.50
EFC \$115,107.75	
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	\$29,045.04
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
abstract #8	
EFC \$29,370.00	\$19,068.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,453.05</b>

Dated: July 31, 20 23

*Paul J. Marks*  
Town of Greenville Supervisor