

# Town of Somerset

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Holiday 2013

### From Your Town Clerk

Dear Residents,

As I pen this newsletter, it is with mixed emotions as it is the last newsletter that I will be communicating with you before I retire. When I started this way of communication in 1986, I thought it would be a wonderful way to let you, the residents know what is happening. Who knew then that websites and Facebook would be common? During my tenure, it has been my pleasure to have had the awesome opportunity to serve you. I will never forget the continued support that you have shown me during my time as Town Clerk and Village Clerk-Treasurer. As I



leave office, you will be left in the very capable hands of your new Town Clerk, Tracy Carmer. She will do an awesome job!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken Bigelow for his 35 1/2 years of service to our community and wish him well in his new adventures. Good luck to Mike Flint as he assumes his new duties as Highway Superintendent.

Once again thank you for allowing me to serve this great Town. There is nothing like our hometown -- a truly caring community that is made up of exceptional people. I pray that blessings will be over all of you as you enjoy your holidays. Until we see each other again around OUR TOWN, be safe.

# Becky Connolly, Town Clerk

As the final days of public service draw to a close for Becky, it has really struck me just how much of an asset that she has been! Her expertise has been truly invaluable to the Town and her shoes will be extremely hard to fill. However, she has poured countless hours preparing me and her staff to replace her and to position the Town Clerk's Office for a highly successful and seamless transition. I would like to personally extend to her my sincerest gratitude for all of the guidance, encouragement and the sharing of her wealth of knowledge with me as her deputy clerk. I want everyone to know how ready and prepared I am to continue a tradition of exceptional service that you have come to expect from the Somerset Town Clerk's Office.

Please join with the Town Board, current and former town employees, colleagues, friends, family and me to personally show her how much you have appreciated her service over the many years that she served the Town of Somerset. A reception for her as well as the also retiring Highway Superintendent, Ken Bigelow, is being held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 8 from 1pm - 4pm at the</u> <u>Barker Fire Hall</u>. They both would be honored to see you and we encourage all to attend and celebrate their wonderful and exceptional careers of public service to the Town of Somerset.

Tracy Carmer, Town Clerk-Elect

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## **A Word From Your Supervisor**

Daniel Engert 795-3575, ext. 3



I hope this letter finds you very well. As the end of another year draws near and our thoughts begin to shift towards our friends, loved ones and holiday celebrations, thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter and to keep up to date on the business of your Town. I would like to begin by saying thank you for the honor to serve you in office as your employee, the Town Supervisor.

As Town Supervisor, I fulfill the role of the chief financial officer or budget officer for our municipality. The Town Board ultimately is responsible for adopting the town budget. The 2014 town budget was recently adopted by the Town Board. We reduced appropriations (spending) by 11%, we were able to reduce the general tax rate by 10% to \$.79, we reduced the amount to be raised through tax by approximately 10% and the refuse fee was reduced by 79%. There are no service cuts whatsoever and while some services are enhanced or more centrally coordinated, you can expect the same exceptional service that all of our departments currently provide to you.

As you all know, it was absolutely critical for the Board to make difficult decisions over the past two years and to really work hard at addressing our operational structure in order to be positioned for a future that is uncertain right now, in terms of the future of the power plant. We believe that we are on the right course and that we are positioned well to face the coming years after the current PILOT expires in 2015. Over the course of the last two years, the Town Board has cut spending by more than \$1 million, we have cut town taxes by 30%, we have reduced the total amount collected through tax by 27% and most importantly, we have been able to reduce our dependency upon the PILOT to just 11% in the 2014 budget. Over the years, this has been as high as 80% but has usually contributed to around 70%. By relying less upon the PILOT revenue to balance our budget, we are less exposed if further instability is realized at the power plant in the future. We are ever hopeful for a successful future at the Somerset Operating Company, most importantly for the employees and their families, and we will continue to advocate for our largest business and taxpayer. However, the Board also understands that you have elected us to lead the Town in whatever future that is before us and thus requires us to plan for worst case scenarios. Be assured that we are doing just that.

That being said, we also realize that there is still much more to be done. We completed the rezoning of the Somerset Lakeshore Site which was necessary to make the parcel shovel ready for potential development. Our economic development community is excited to be marketing the site to such a diverse clientele and we are aware of some interest. In 2014, we will be unveiling new service options for water/sewer payments as well as conducting workshops for filing assessment exemptions. These and many other initiatives are being implemented as we strive to staff our facility more productively to meet constituent demand and to more effectively control personnel costs to keep service costs and taxes down as much as possible. We will be sharing more with you on this at a later date. As always, we sincerely appreciate your feedback and comments, both negative and positive.

The Board has also been focused on attracting more outside service opportunities for our residents to be held right here in Somerset. Recently, I met with our Senior Citizen's Group and announced that I was fortunate to be able to partner the Town with the Niagara County Office of the Aging, through NY Connect, and they agreed to provide a chronic disease self-management program right here in Somerset at the Town Hall!! The classes have begun and our seniors don't have to travel to Lockport to the Dale Association or elsewhere, it's being held right here for them! This series gives them direct access to nurses and medical professionals whose aim is to help them control the effects of their chronic illness by teaching/training them to be at the center of disease control solutions. The Board's efforts to work hard for you go well beyond just the budget, economic development efforts and legislative initiatives. We strive to deliver exceptional service to you in many practical ways to make your quality of life just that much better as a result. Please help us to help you and share your thoughts, ideas and concerns.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't express my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the entire Town, to two wonderful people and dedicated public servants. Town Clerk Becky Connolly and Highway Superintendent Ken Bigelow have contributed exceptional service over many years to help make our Town the great place it is to live and raise a family. I wish them both the very best in their future endeavors while retired. I am also looking very forward to forge new working relationships with a newly elected Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent in January! It's truly a new and exciting era in the Town!

As I close, please take a moment and consider how fortunate that we are, in so many ways. As we approach the holidays, please remember the less fortunate of our community, the less mobile in our community and the less visited. If you have an opportunity, please consider even a small act of kindness that can brighten someone's day and in doing so, you brighten the Town as well.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season and Merry Christmas to all!

### Councilwoman's Corner

From: Robin Jansen

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center has been designated the Niagara County Navigator for the New York State of Health, the official health plan marketplace designed to help people shop for and enroll in health insurance. In Person Assistors (IPA's)/Navigators are certified and trained to educate and provide enrollment assistance to individuals and small businesses about health insurance options in the marketplace. The marketplace is the only place to get a new kind of financial assistance provided by the federal government to lower the cost of your health coverage. IPA/Navigators are available in convenient community-based locations throughout the county and available weekdays, evenings and even weekends, and all help is free. There are 10 service sites in Niagara County: Niagara Falls, Lewiston, Lockport, North Tonawanda, Sanborn and Wheatfield. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a Navigator please call 716-278-4264. There is literature about the program at the Town Hall and Thee Barker Store and you can always call the above number if you have any questions.

## **Recycling News**

From: Katy Duggan-Hass, Modern

Fluorescent tube and compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs are not accepted in curbside recycling programs, but should be recycled because they release small amounts of mercury, a toxin, when disposed or incinerated. Some home improvement stores accept used CFL bulbs for recycling and they are accepted at household hazardous waste collection events. More information is available at <a href="https://www.rethinkyourwaste.com">www.rethinkyourwaste.com</a> or go to <a href="https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/Contractors/Find-a-Contractor/CFL-Recycling-Center.aspx">www.rethinkyourwaste.com</a> or go to <a href="https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/Contractors/Find-a-Contractor/CFL-Recycling-Center.aspx">www.nyserda.ny.gov/Contractors/Find-a-Contractor/CFL-Recycling-Center.aspx</a> to search by zip code for businesses that accept them for recycling.

Proper sharps disposal is very important to protect the health of sanitation and recycling employees. The best method is to put sharps in an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container. When that is not available, you may use a heavy-duty plastic container with a tight-fitting, puncture-proof lid, like a laundry detergent bottle. Containers with used sharps should **never** 

Recycling participation continues to be strong. From January through September, residents have recycled 112 tons of material and disposed of 611 tons. The town's recycling rate for this time period was over 15% compared with 9% for the same months in 2012. We all benefit from waste reduction and recycling, so thank you for continuing to reduce waste and recycle. Please leave space between your recycling cart and other objects to help with efficiency of collection.

# BARKER FIRE DEPT. By CHIEF CARLTON GREENE



With the recent time change, I hope everyone remembered to change their smoke detector **and** carbon monoxide detector batteries. If you haven't, <u>please take a moment to check them now</u>. If you have hard wired systems in your homes, make sure you have a battery operated back up on each level just in case the power goes out. Most hard wired system detectors don't have a battery back-up.

As the colder weather approaches, I would like to remind those of you who use fireplaces and woodstoves, to have your chimneys cleaned and inspected annually PRIOR to use. A chimney fire can happen without much warning and by the time the fire's discovered, it's often too late to save the home. These fires will typically smolder inside your walls for hours without detection and this makes them especially dangerous when no one's home.

Another item to watch for is power strips. These handy items are often overloaded with too many items or they get used for items that require too much power. Use only an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved power strip that is rated for the given application. If you're going to use them, DO NOT plug in any more items or appliances than the strip can handle. Be sure that the power strip has a UL label and has been tested as many of the dollar store power strips do not have the safety features that are required by the Underwriters Laboratories.

If your power goes out and you utilize a portable generator, <u>make sure it is placed outside</u>. **Never** run a generator inside. Using these devices inside your residence can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

CPR training is available through the fire department at a nominal fee, please call for details.

\*Be alert for Fire Police working in the roadway. Whether it be during an incident, parade or when they are directing traffic & keeping the roadway safe during one of the bike races we have coming through the town. The Fire Police should be treated as you would any Peace Officer.

The Barker Junior Firefighters continue to sell reflective address signs as a fund raiser; they are \$15 each and greatly help the responding firefighters locate your address.

2014 will mark our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary serving the Town of Somerset and our members take great pride in this accomplishment. We are currently planning some events to celebrate this and are looking forward to a great year. One event will be a celebratory parade on July 26<sup>th</sup> which will coincide with our annual Beer & Band night. Watch for further information in the Spring Newsletter and keep an eye on our sign for further information as it becomes available. Also, if any residents happen to have any current photographs or any old photographs depicting the Fire Department in action that may be borrowed or copied, please contact Wally Coates @ 795-9948.

As always, the members of the Barker Fire Dept. are here to assist our residents not only in their time of need, but also in the practice of fire prevention. If you need us to help you establish a fire escape plan, need a smoke detector for your home or need assistance with any other fire prevention matter, do not hesitate to contact us @ 795-3011. I, or one of our firefighters, will be happy to come to your home and assist you. You may also contact me directly on my cell phone @ 716-830-4158.

The Friends of the Library are having a Secret Silent Auction that will run from December  $2^{nd}$  through December  $14^{th}$ , with the winners being announced on December  $14^{th}$ . The proceeds will be going toward the purchase of a decorative rug for the Children's room, where the children can sit for Story Hour.

### News from the Code Enforcement Officer—Mark Remington 795-3575 Ext. 5

<u>PERMITS ARE REQUIRED</u> for most building or remodeling projects. If you have any questions on building codes or to find out if your project needs a permit, <u>please call me</u> prior to building. If I am not in the office, please leave a message and I will get back with you as soon as possible.

Here are a few regulations on outdoor wood burners that are in the Town of Somerset:

- 1. No person shall construct, install or establish an outdoor heating device without a permit.
- 2. No person shall operate an outdoor device unless such operation conforms with the manufacturer's instructions regarding its installation and operation.

The owner of any new heating device shall produce the manufacturer's owner's manual or installation instructions to the Code Enforcement Officer to review prior to installation. The Code states:

Fuel burned in any outdoor heating device shall be only firewood, natural wood, untreated lumber, wood pellets, corn products or other listed fuels specifically permitted by the manufacturer's instructions such as fuel oil, natural gas or propane backup. Strictly prohibited in any outdoor heating devices are:

- 1. Wood that has been painted, varnished or coated with similar material.....
- 2. Rubbish or garbage, including but not limited to food wastes, food packaging, food wraps, animal carcass, paint or painted materials, furniture, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.
- 3. Any plastic materials......
- 4. Rubber, including tires or other synthetic rubber-like products.
- 5. Any items not specifically allowed by the manufacturer........

To find out more information on outdoor heating devices or any of the other codes, visit our website at <a href="https://www.somersetny.org">www.somersetny.org</a> or stop at the Town Clerk's office for a copy.

Make sure to keep your chimneys clean to prevent fires.

# Assessor's Office

Anthony Dispenza—Assessor 795-3575, ext. 6 somersetassessor@roadrunner.com

Some friendly reminders and announcements are due:

The Town of Somerset website includes an Assessor webpage which includes news, office hours, and other helpful information related to the office. Two especially helpful new features are the OARS system and tutorial, and the Exemption Overview tutorial.

The OARS, or Online Assessment Roll System, makes the assessor's records available to the public in a user-friendly format. Records available for each property in the town and village include improvements, map images, sales, taxes, exemptions, and more. The Links sidebar on the left offers a quick and easy tutorial showing how to enjoy the many features of OARS.

Also in the Links sidebar is the Exemption Overview Tutorial, which is a short presentation on eligibility requirements as well as benefits available for the most popular exemptions applicable to town, county and school taxes.

Past recipients of Basic STAR must *register* with the state by December 31, 2013 at <a href="https://www.tax.ny.gov">www.tax.ny.gov</a> or by calling (518)457-2036. First-time applicants need not *register* but must *apply* at the assessor's office.

Exemption renewals are due in this office by March 1, 2014 for Enhanced STAR, Senior (or Aged), Disabled and Agricultural exemptions. Notices will be sent to current recipients by December 31.

### NEWS FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPT. Ken Bigelow 795-3866



Just a few friendly reminders from the Highway Dept.: Leaving snow on the highway is prohibited by Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of Highway Law of the State of New York.

Parking on any Town Road is prohibited in accordance with provisions of Town of Somerset Code 191-15 as specified in Schedule XI (191-33) from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1.

I am now in the process of retiring, with service to the Town of Somerset for 35  $\frac{1}{2}$  years, serving as Highway Superintendent for the past 20 years. I would like to extend a sincere thank you for the community's support in the past years.

Best wishes to the newly elected Highway Superintendent, Mike Flint.

As we enter into the winter and holiday season, I would like to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and a Happy 2014!

### HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By: Pete Devereaux 795-3575, ext. 7



As I was pondering something to write about in this newsletter I came across this nice little story about a Christmas tree, when I realized this is the last newsletter from our town clerk Becky Connolly. Becky started the newsletter in the summer of 1986 and has kept it going for 27 years. It is not easy to come up with something to write about in each newsletter but Becky has to edit and compile all the information from each dept. in each issue. Thank you Becky for starting this program to keep the residents of our town informed of everything that is going on and thank you for all the hours of hard work you put into it. As Becky is retiring this year this will be her final newsletter and I'm sure she will miss doing it.

You will be missed around the town hall,

**ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!** 

### Now, here is The Story of A Christmas Tree, by Mr. Blue Spruce

"Just imagine my feelings!" said an old Christmas tree that had been thrown away, to a bundle of kindling wood lying near it. "I had, as I supposed, gone to bed for the winter—that is, comfortably tucked up in my soft snow blanket, I was standing in the woods taking a long series of naps while waiting for the spring to come—when to my horror I felt myself being rudely shaken, and looking down I saw a dreadful man raising a huge axe to chop me to the earth. This was the last thing I remember for some time, and I think I must have lain in a swoon for many hours. For when I next opened my eyes I seemed to be in fairyland itself. I was standing in a large room so heavily trimmed with green things that I might have thought myself at home had it not been for the blaze of lights, the beautiful children and music, and my own gorgeous appearance. Standing directly in front of a large mirror I had a good chance to admire myself, and I will say that of all the elegantly dressed people present, I certainly was the most brilliant. Myriads of lighted candles were shining from my branches, with beautiful gold and silver fruit of all kinds, while little waxen children seemed to be climbing all over me. And wonderful toys and numberless boxes containing precious gems were resting as contentedly among my boughs as if they had grown there. I should never have grown tired of looking at myself, had not a strange looking old man with a beard like snow and a huge pack on his back come running into the room causing the wildest possible excitement. The children screamed and jumped about, clapping their hands, which seemed to please the old gentleman wonderfully, for he found a ladder tall enough to reach to the top of my head, and climbing up it, selected something for each one from among my branches, and then with the strangest little chuckle he disappeared mysteriously through what seemed to me to be a small hole in the wall. Shouting as he went, Merry Christmas to all," which kept coming back—"Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas" -fainter, and fainter until it stopped altogether. Here the old tree stopped talking, and the kindling wood that was crazy to hear more, had to content itself as best it could. For the tree had gone sound asleep.

# Water/Sewer Department News

Mel Denny, Water/Sewer/Grounds Superintendent 795-9919



A couple of reminders from our departments: With the winter weather upon us, it's important to remember to keep your fire hydrants and vent pipes clear of snow. Also, remember to remove crocks, vases and other items from the town cemeteries.

## A Word From Your Legislator

John Syracuse 778-5064



### **SAFE Act Update**

Friends, I hope you will allow me to discuss at length a bad act by Albany's politicians that is impacting so many of our lives, undermining freedoms that a generation ago we all took for granted. Our county government is involved in any number of issues, but our fight to preserve the Right to Keep and Bear Arms here in Western New York may be the most important.

While I have had the privilege of representing neighbors like you in the Niagara County Legislature for nearly a decade now, I have either sponsored, co-sponsored or supported various resolutions urging our state representatives to dismiss actions on such things as micro-stamping ammunition, the 5-year pistol permit re-certification and of course, and I was the lead sponsor to repeal the SAFE Act, which was unanimously supported by the entire County Legislature.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution could not be more clearly written. It vows "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." New York State, prior to the SAFE ACT, already had one of the strictest gun laws in the country. If gun-related homicides are a malady in New York, it would seem that gun control is not an effective cure.

Unfortunately, Governor Cuomo and his supporters have clearly enacted a law which seems to shred the U.S. Constitution by infringing on our rights. If the government wishes to change the Constitution, they should bring the issue before the People, rather than ignoring the rules that restrict the power of government in our great Constitution. Instead, though, government will go on passing unconstitutional laws at midnight unless we fight back.

The more we find out about the SAFE Act, the more clear it becomes that it was a bad law aimed at disarming law-abiding citizens. Worse, though, it was written with such haste, that its liberal authors didn't even contemplate the full scope of things they were harming—beyond, of course, our basic rights.

I wish to highlight some of the most disturbing facets of the SAFE ACT law which I have compiled from various sources, including what may or may not be the official "Guide to The New York SAFE ACT for Members of the Division of State Police," a document labeled as "Prepared by The Office of Division Counsel September, 2013" that recently fell into my hands:

Page 2 of this "Guide" chillingly states there will be a Statewide Database which "is the common thread in all of the Safe Act provisions. All of the eligibility checks for the various parts of the act will utilize this data." That's positively Orwellian.

Of course we already know about the "7-round clip rule" and the <u>new</u> definition of an assault rifle—essentially a long gun that has more than 1 modification such as a pistol grip AND a suppression device. I am glad to have found one possible exception to this new law: Page 9 of the "Guide" states: "Exception to the 7 Round Rule: Range and Sporting Events" and goes on to say "The Safe Act added a new subdivision 7-f to the exemptions in PL 265.20 to authorize the possession and use of a magazine containing 8,9 or 10 rounds at a firing range, at a collegiate, Olympic or target shooting competition approved by the NRA, or at an organized match sanctioned by the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association." This exemption is worth pursuing to the fullest—and is one of the reasons I'm proud to belong to the NRA.

New pistol permit rules, however, are a greater cause for concern.

The "Guide" states that starting Jan. 1, 2014, ALL pistol permit holders will be required to renew their pistol permits and then every 5 years after that. Every existing permit holder will be required to recertify using a quick, free process (we can only hope!) that will begin in early

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2014 on a staggered basis. Detailed recertification procedures are currently being developed and will be explained to all permit holders in 2014. I will note that this sounds early like Obamacare and its nightmare website. It also seems clear that if you fail to recertify during the renewal process, your failure acts as revocation of the license by operation of the law. My understanding is now you will become "ineligible" to hold a pistol permit.

Now, once a pistol permit holder at any time becomes "ineligible" to hold a license, the license is considered to be revoked under an amendment to PL 400 (11). In such case, the person is required to surrender his or her license to the appropriate official AND ANY AND ALL firearms, rifles or shotguns owned or possessed by the person MUST ALSO BE SURRENDERED to a law enforcement official. I have recently spoken to the Niagara County Pistol Permit Office relative to what constitutes "ineligible". Essentially, you could be deemed ineligible for your failure to update your address! Remember, we will be notified via mail on the new recertification process some time in 2014, and if the mail gets returned to State because you didn't update your address, you are ineligible! Prior to the SAFE ACT and currently, a pistol permit holder MUST notify the pistol permit office of any change of address within 10 days. Failure to do so would most likely lead to revocation of not just your pistol permit, but also those guns not needing a license!

I can't emphasize enough the importance of cooperating with this aspect of the law for the time being. Update your address and protect the firearms you rightfully own—don't give the state an excuse to deprive you of your property.

As of press time for this writing, I am currently working with individuals and groups to determine another questionable and objectionable regulation under the Safe Act as it pertains to ammunition. Starting in January 2014, this new law would require all individuals who buy ammunition to first be subjected to a NICS background check. Pending approval, that ammo is now yours, and only yours. Here is the catch. From my understanding, if you give that ammo to say, you buddy in the duck blind who just ran out, you may be prosecuted as a "straw-buyer" for giving your ammo to someone else because your ammo is only "licensed" to you. Here is another example: Say you are a New York State certified instructor who teaches hunter safety to our youth. In the past, the teacher would complete a request for ammo to the NYSDEC and the DEC would subsequently provide ammo to the instructor, who would then give these rounds to the kids in order to target shoot. I think you see where I am going here. Is there a "straw purchase" here? From all I am able to glean, the new SAFE Act has just made criminals out of the DEC and the instructor for passing out ammo to individuals not cleared by a NICS background check.

Needless to say, the actions of Governor Cuomo and liberal downstate lawmakers have caused quite the uproar around these parts, where we still value our freedom. Every day I see more and more "Repeal the SAFE ACT" signs on my neighbors' lawns. Personally, I love it. Not because I am a politician, but because I am an American. **Don't give up this fight**.

I will note that there are at least four current lawsuits against the SAFE Act:

- 1) New York State Rifle and Pistol Association.
- 2) Second Amendment Foundation.
- 3) We the People of New York.
- 4) Tresmond Law Firm lawsuit. Check out the update on the link: <a href="http://www.nv2agrassroots.com/nv-safe-act-tresmond-lawsuit-update-august-24-2013/">http://www.nv2agrassroots.com/nv-safe-act-tresmond-lawsuit-update-august-24-2013/</a>

I have since learned from my SCOPE meeting last week that the September court date on the Tresmond lawsuit was postponed until mid-January 2014. As I have referenced earlier, I have a copy of the "Guide" to enforcing the SAFE act. If anyone would like an electronic copy, please email your request to me at <a href="mailto:newfanechiro@verizon.net">newfanechiro@verizon.net</a>.

Lastly, as we prepare for another fall hunting season, I would like to leave you with the NRA Hunter's Code of Ethics: 1) I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his(her) permission and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future. 2) I will obey the rules of safe gun handling, and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same. 3) I will obey all game laws and regulations and will insist that my companions do likewise. 4) I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship skills which ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills. 5) I will support conservation efforts which can ensure good hunting for future generations of Americans. 6) I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

Thank you and may God bless us with a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season.



# **SAVE THIS INFORMATION**

Week A begins Jan. 1st and every other week

Week B begins Jan. 6th and every other week COLORED MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE Town Hall

### 2014 Holidays

New Year's Day Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

The only holidays that the Town is affected are:

Memorial Day pickup will be Wednesday May 28th

<u>Labor Day</u> pickup will be Wednesday Sept. 3rd

If you are not sure what week you are, visit the website to view the map or call the

Town Clerk's Office

795-3575 Ext. 2

# **Trash & Recycling Collection**

2014





**Holiday**–no collection, pick up for the rest of week will be delayed by one day



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The week of December 30, 2013 is an 'A' week and January 6 is a 'B' week. The weeks alternate the rest of the year.

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Did you change the batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors?

The Food Pantry at Faith United Methodist Church always welcomes items to feed our community. They are especially in need of dry staples such as cereal, stuffing mix, macaroni and cheese, rice, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta, sauce, etc. All donated items benefit families in our community, Thank you for giving!

Assemblywoman Jane Corwin's 4th Annual Winter Clothing Drive November 12 through December 12

Donate coats and winter clothing to someone who needs help staying warm this winter. You can drop off items, cleaned and in good condition at the Somerset Town Hall.