



Across the Covered Bridge

Town of Bennington
Monthly Newsletter
July 2026



PRIORities (a message from the supervisor)

With all of the CHANGE at town hall it was inevitable some faces and names would change as well. The only question was how would the residents respond? It has been amazing and truly inspiring for the future to see the incredible explosion of interest from the residents to be part of the exciting changes and new direction of town hall. Just a VERY short time ago meetings were empty, residents' voices were ignored and vacancies on the town board were filled in secret without even notifying the residents. Now our meetings are the best attended in Wyoming County. Residents' voices are not just heard, they are embraced and encouraged. The vacancies that opened up were immediately announced to the entire town for any and all who were interested and received nearly 50,000 views on Facebook. In the blink of an eye we have gone from zero interest, apathy and a sense of despair.....to a stack of resumes of amazingly qualified people eager to be part of the exciting changes coming to our town. We now have a stack of resumes of men and women from all parts of town including PhD's with incredible career experience in business, planning, budgets, grants, govt and community service. We've come a LONG way in a very short amount of time. From the dark days of no interest and past officials appointing their friends in secret.....to the fair, open and free opportunity for ALL Bennington residents.

Sadly, it has come to our attention that there are still some bitter voices from the past who want to take this all away from you. They don't want you anywhere near town hall, they want things to go back to the way they were for the last 20+ years you were ignored. They don't want you to have a chance to serve on the town board if you want to.....and worst of all, they don't want you to have access to the ballot and they want to restrict your freedom to vote in free, open and fair elections. It's a disgrace to our town, county, state, and democracy in general. It's not what Bennington stands for and I assure you we will do everything possible to protect your rights, freedoms and

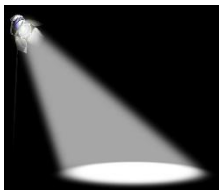
maintain the integrity of our town despite those who wish to drag us back into the past. Most importantly, we will keep you informed **EVERY** step of the way.



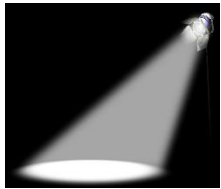
THE BENNINGTON BUZZ (new and upcoming events)

FAIRS—FESTIVALS—LAWN FETES—CARNIVALS!!!

Enjoy the food, rides, and fun all over WNY



MONTHLY RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT!!!



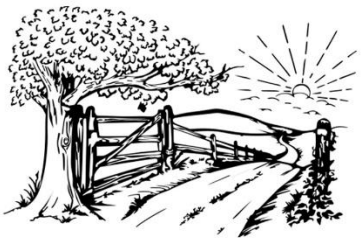
The greatest resource of Bennington will **ALWAYS** be the residents themselves. As promised, the focus of the town moving forward will be on the **RESIDENTS**. There are so many extraordinarily talented people in our town and it's time they were recognized and appreciated. Every month we will spotlight a new resident for their special talent and encourage you all to take a minute of your time to learn about them, contact them, and learn about what they do to make Bennington a better place to live. **EVERYONE** in Bennington wins when we recognize those among us doing amazing things.

Our resident spotlight for this month is Debbie Anstett. Debbie joined the town board in April of this year and has been an incredible addition in every way possible. She has brought an energy, dedication, work ethic and vision for the future that was sorely missing from the board. We are **EXTREMELY** lucky to have her as a member of the town board and look forward to working side by side with her to continue the wonderful work she has already started and build on the many ideas she has for the future.

Debbie graduated from the University of Buffalo and built her dream home in Bennington to share with her 3 amazing children, 2 of whom have served in the military. She started her own business in 2005 so she could spend as much time as possible with her children when they were young. She is the inventor and

patent holder of one product and is working on two more. She owns the distributorship of another product throughout the entire northeast.

Debbie started a not-for-profit dog rescue a year ago to save dogs from the streets of various states and help with local surrenders as well. To date she has saved over 300 dogs. She is also an integral part of constructing the plans for the grant program we are submitting for the town park next year in February. Her extensive experience in grant writing combined with her tenacious efforts have proven invaluable assets to the town board and residents of Bennington as we constantly strive for a better future in our town.



COUNTRY ROADS

(A new partnership for the future)

The highway superintendent has moved on to a new opportunity in his life. This

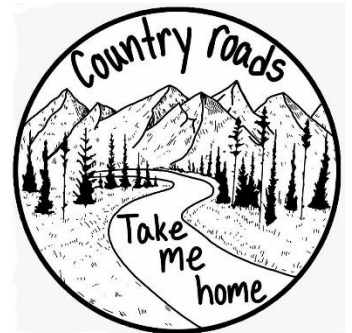
leaves an opening at the position to be filled by the town board. If you believe you are the right person for the job or know someone who is please contact the town supervisor or clerk for details.

Our Social Media growth continues!!!

Over 140,000 average views the last 2 months

New visitors continue to seek out our website daily

Our subscriptions for digital notifications and this newsletter continue to grow every month keeping you all informed like never before.



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