

Town of Rhinebeck Highway Department

Newsletter

Kathy Kinsella, Superintendent

Summer 2010

Bob Wyant, Foreman

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

So far, it is a beautiful summer.

We have already begun our 2010 summer construction projects. This season, you will see us working on resurfacing projects on Knollwood Road, Delano Drive, Reeder Road, Libera Court, and Wheeler Road. In addition, we will continue our on-going general maintenance of all our town roads, including roadside mowing.

Please remember to drive slowly past work crews and equipment and to heed any directions given by crew members.

As always, please do not hesitate to let us know if there is any condition that needs our attention or if you have any questions about the work we are doing. Our phone number is 845-876-6263 and our e-mail address is rhinebeckroads@hvc.rr.com

Happy summer,

Kathy Kinsella

HOGS BRIDGE

I am pleased to report that Hogs Bridge on Old Post Road leading toward Mt. Rutsen Road has re-opened. The culvert had been closed for reconstruction since November. Its headwalls were collapsing and separating from the roadway when the project began.

When the culvert was excavated to its original structure, there was evidence of stress cracks and gaps in the structure where you could see through to the water below. We ended up constructing an entirely new structure over the old one. The original stone culvert is still there, with a new concrete cap. The original stone from the walls was preserved and re-used and the capstones on the north wall are all the originals, with the south wall having a mix of old and new cap stone.

Folklore says that the bridge, which is actually a large culvert, received its name due to a nearby hog farm. This busy road carries over 4,000 vehicles a day.

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TOWN WEBSITE

Remember to check out the Highway Department page on Rhinebeck's website at:

www.rhinebeck-ny.gov

JOHN” FRANK” CONLEY RETIRES

John Conley, known as Frank to his friends, retired in March after 26 years of dedicated service to the Highway Department.

As our Mechanic, Frank kept our fleet of heavy equipment in top notch condition, often working in trying conditions out on the road in a storm or staying after plowing snow for hours in the middle of the night to make sure the trucks would be good to go again the next morning.

In addition to his mechanic duties, one would often see Frank as he was out plowing his route or working as part of our road crew, operating specialized equipment.

We at the Highway Department appreciate all that Frank did for us and for the Town. He will be sorely missed.

WELCOME, BOB ROUSH!

Please join the Highway Department in welcoming our new mechanic, Bob Roush.

Bob is a lifelong Rhinebeck resident and a graduate of Rhinebeck High School and Sarasota Technical College. His extensive background as a mechanic is well known, locally. In addition to his mechanical skills, Bob is an experienced equipment operator and welder, with extensive road construction experience.

We are pleased to welcome Bob, his wife Jacqueline, son James, and daughter Jillian to the Town of Rhinebeck Highway Department family.

TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR KIDS

The Governors Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) have created a traffic safety webpage, specifically for children.

The site is fun, colorful and has many entertaining activities that educate children on traffic safety. Topics covered include:

Bike safety
Car seats and seatbelts
Traffic sign quiz
School bus safety

The information is presented via a variety of formats, including coloring pages, word scrambles, crossword puzzles, and other activities. It is a fun way to teach important safety tips. Please visit

www.safeny.com/kids.htm