

# The West Sparta Newsletter

*News and Information for the Residents of West Sparta*

## Front Page News

**SPRING CLEAN UP  
DAY  
APRIL 26  
8 AM to 1 PM**

. 'Spring Clean Up Day' is a chance to get rid of all the junk that has accumulated around your property such as old furniture, junk appliances, scrap wood, plastic, tires, and metal. In our Resident Survey that was filled out in 2004 the majority of people said that their number one complaint was seeing junk. Our Town Junk Storage Law allows the Town to fine residents who accumulate junk in their yards where it can be seen from the road. 'Spring Clean Up Day' is a great opportunity to get rid of junk at no cost (or low cost for tires and appliances with Freon) in an environmentally safe way. Bring your junk to the Town Barns next to the Recycling Center on Saturday April 26 beginning at 8AM. This is for WEST SPARTA RESIDENTS

ONLY. The following rules MUST be followed. Please stay in your vehicle (especially children), pre-sort your load, remove tires from bicycles and mowers, remove doors from freezers and refrigerators. There will be a \$10 charge for appliances containing Freon. Tires will be accepted but there will be a charge of \$2 for car tires, \$3 for light truck tires, \$8 for larger truck tires, and \$15 for tractor tires. Any questions - contact Rick Pfaff at 335-3368.

### LOCAL LAWS TO KEEP OUR TOWN CLEAN

The Town of West Sparta has several local laws that were developed by the Town Planning Board and approved by the Town Board. The purpose of these laws is to provide a safe, healthy, and attractive environment for the residents of the town. The town 'Junk Storage Law' says that residents may not have more than 2

unlicensed vehicles, 2 discarded appliances, two pieces of worn out indoor furniture, or one unused mobile home, or any combination of the above (like one old sofa and one unlicensed car), on their property visible from the road. Property owners can be fined for violating this law. The 'Abandoned Buildings and Unsafe Structures Law' says that if a building becomes unsafe (falling down, home to rats, etc) the owner must act to repair or remove the building or they will be fined.

Copies of these laws are available at the Town Clerks office. Town Clerk hours are Saturday morning 8AM to noon and Wednesday evening 6 PM to 8 PM. Complaints should be made to Code Enforcement officer Keith English (office hours Tuesday morning or leave a note in his mailbox at the Town Hall) or any member of the Town Board.

**Town Hall—335-2443**

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- ◆ **Saturday April 19** Earth Day Roadside Cleanup—see article on page 2
- ◆ **Wednesday April 23** Planning Board meeting at the Town Hall 7 PM
- ◆ **Saturday April 26** West Sparta Town Clean Up Day 'Junk Day' at the Town barns - see article on this page
- ◆ **May 8** Town Board meeting at Town Hall 7 PM

**Your Town officials and how to contact them (more next issue)**

Supervisor - Marge Cansdale - 335-2334

Council members  
Rick Pfaff - 335-3368  
Marvin Yamonaco - 335-3473  
Bob Schramm - 468-5862  
Nate Powell - 335-2849

Town Clerk - Marie Powell  
335-2443 (office)

Town Board meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Town Hall . Town Residents are encouraged to attend.

## West Sparta Sixth Annual Earth Day April 19

Spring has arrived and after the cold winter, we eagerly await the bloom of spring tulips and daffodils. With the snow melted, we can see the roadside trash and debris. It's time to grab your boots and gloves, your kids and neighbors and join in the annual spring roadside clean-up! We will meet at the town hall at 8:00 a.m. to pick up trash bags and get a road assignment. Preference will be given for road clean-up on the roads where volunteers live, along with the main routes. The full bags will be picked up by the highway department or can be brought to the dumpster at the Town Hall. Lunch will be provided for all the volunteers at the West Sparta Fire Department at 12 noon

This event has been successful over the past several years by producing results

you can see. Did you know we typically collect more than four tons of trash each year? That's approximately 190 lbs per mile – wow! The success of the event rests squarely with the volunteers. If your road has not been cleaned up in the last few years it is because you did not come to help. West Sparta has 53 miles of roads which means we need at least 50 or more volunteers to share the work. Please set aside some time to join us to make West Sparta shine!

If you would like to clean up your road, but can't make this date, please call us to pick up the bags at another time and we will mark your road "cleaned."

High school seniors can use this as part of their community service requirements for graduation.

Questions? Call Rick Pfaff at 335-3368

### ***New Owners***

#### ***at the Country Corner Store***

Stop by the County Corner Store to meet Jackie and see what she has done with the store. Home made baked goods are available, along with Fish Fry on Friday and pizza and subs every day. Call 335-6033 for information or to place an order.

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THE WEST SPARTA NEWSLETTER is an independent paper organized by a group of town residents and edited by Sue Erdle. Comments, questions and articles may be left in the Planning Board mailbox at the Town Hall.

## The West Sparta Historical Society

The town now has an active historical society with over 50 members. The WSHS has been involved in several projects so far including interviewing our senior citizen about life in West Sparta when they were growing up, presenting programs on local history topics such as the Native American history of this area, photographing and documenting all the older homes and barns in West Sparta, etc. Their next program will be held on Tuesday MAY 13 at 7 PM at the West Sparta Methodist Church and will be an illustrated talk on the Architecture of the Historic Homes of West Sparta.

'Historic' doesn't mean George Washington slept here—it means someone important to the history of West Sparta (McNairs, Kysors, Slaights, Hartmans, to name a few) slept here! All are welcome to attend .

#### **RECYCLE WITH THE WEST SPARTA HISTORIC SOCIETY**

Are you cleaning out your cellar, attic or barn. Don't know what to do with those old books, letters, tools, photos, etc? Contact the West Sparta Historic society. We have a collections committee and are

beginning to collect items that relate to the history of our town. We may have a home for some of the items you no longer want. We would also like to see any old photos of people and places in West Sparta so that we can copy them for our collection (you can keep the original). Photos of WW II veterans, scenes of farm work, school activities at the old one room schools, family picnics, and town activities, are just a few of the types of photos we're looking for.

Contact Sarah Booher at 335-5094 to donate, or to learn more about the WSHS.

. If you have a full time or part time business in town drop off a business card or note in the Planning Board mail box in the Town Clerks office and we'll write a little something about you.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."**

***Margaret Mead***

## Local Businesses

**Reed Road Returns**, Eva Douglas, Income Tax Preparation, 25 years experience. Low prices, Great Service, E-file. Fast refund. Personal, small farms, small businesses, 335-8107.

**McNair Nursery on the Dansville-Mt Morris road sells shade trees as well as fruit trees. Beautify your yard and support a local business. Cal 335-5402 for information.**