

From the Desk of Jack Conway

East Greenbush Town Supervisor

Supervisor's Report November 16, 2016

We have had afternoon programs for Senior Citizens for years now. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday, seniors come in and play pinochle, mahjong and dominoes. We are looking to change and expand our programs for seniors so we're seeking feedback and input from the community. This Friday, November 18th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room at Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY 12144 we'll be holding an open forum to ask seniors what programs they would like us to offer. We especially welcome anyone 65 and older, or caregivers for people 65 and over to come and join in this exchange of ideas. Our Town Services department does a great job with senior programs and we're always looking for ways to do even better.

Tonight the Town Board will pass the 2017 Town Budget. It is a responsible spending plan that includes a 1.47% tax increase. That keeps us well below the New York State Property Tax Cap. The 2017 budget will be available here once it is passed.

Hampton Manor Residents: We have finally received the technical reports on the Hudson Avenue water tanks and the news isn't good. We've been advised that the small tank has to be replaced and substantial work is required on the big tank. I have assembled a work group to cost out our options. Once we have that information I'll call another community meeting so we can discuss our options. I apologize for the delay in meeting with residents but we needed this information before we can go any further. Hard choices will have to be made because capital improvements of that kind are only borne by residents in that water district. Costing out our options may put changing over to General Water in a new light.

I want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving from everyone in Town Hall. We're very thankful for the opportunity to continue serving this community!