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Building Inspector Answers Questions about Radon

Mayor Michael Souers has fielded some inquiries as to the presence and hazard of **Radon gas** in the Village and surrounding areas. Accordingly, he has requested that I provide some information in this newsletter.

Radon comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water and gets into the air we breathe. **Radon** can be found all over the U.S. It can get into any type of building - homes, offices, and schools - and result in a high indoor radon level. As a gas, its movement is guided by some basic principles: it will move from areas of high concentration to areas of low concentration; it will be forced from a high pressure to a lower pressure; it will seek the easiest path of travel; and so forth. One must also consider some other bits of information: much of the local area is a gravel soil type and radon gas has a higher incidence in such soils; much of the local buildings are "old construction" and relatively "leaky" in the air and gas movement department; and there is no mandated Building Code or local code oversight or testing of the radon gas.

Given all the above, it is easy to understand why radon gas has become a concern. The higher concentration and pressure of the gas in the soil finds an easier path through basements, crawlspaces, or grade slabs into the areas where we live and work. Older, leaky construction would not inhibit the flow of the gas to the outdoors and out of harms way. Modern day heating and cooling costs have driven the need and desire to seal up existing buildings and construct tighter new ones. The general mindset is that the bigger bang for the energy buck is in sealing the above grade building systems. The negative impact, as far as radon is concerned, is that we have not inhibited the radon's entry in to the building but we **HAVE** restricted its exit path. We now have an indoor air quality issue that hangs around longer and has a greater chance of inhalation and health concern.

So, what do we do? First, do some testing. The resources listed below can give you an overview. If testing reveals a concern, then fairly simple mitigation steps are involved (see diagram below from the EPA website). In either new construction, or existing retrofit, we basically try to restrict the entry of the gas from the subsurface areas as well as provide an easy isolated route of travel through and out of the house. This can be a passive system that requires no energy, or an active system that involves a fan to pull the gas out of the sub-slab area and exhaust it out to the atmosphere. I generally recommend that a new build install the passive system connected to sub-slab drain tile as real cheap insurance. If it is found that radon levels are of concern after the structure is enclosed, the system can easily be converted to active exhaust.

For more information, please refer to these resources (see box) or feel free to call my office at **585-889-1553 ext. 3**.

Terry Rech
Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer

For More Information

Center for Environmental Health
547 River Street
Troy, NY 12180-2166
1-800-458-1158

NYS Dept. of Health Help Lines:
www.health.state.ny.us.contract.doh.800.htm

The EPA website:
www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html

JOHNSON PARK PAVILION USE

Village Clerk's Office

Elaine M. Driscoll, Village Clerk
Julie A. Kuhn, Deputy Village Clerk
585-889-6050

IT'S PICNIC TIME! We are accepting reservations for the use of Johnson Park Pavilion on Browns Avenue. There is a very reasonable Park Use Fee; for Village Residents: \$25.00 + \$25.00 Deposit. For Non-Residents: \$50.00 + \$50.00 Deposit. Potential renters should contact the Village of Scottsville Office at least 1 month prior to your desired date. Call 889-6050 or come into the Village Office to secure your date and fill out an application for a permit. Payment is due the day before your event when you pick up the keys from our office at 22 Main Street.

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*Message from the Mayor... Michael F. Souers*

Hello Residents and Welcome to Spring!

I want to thank all of you for your continued efforts to reduce, re-use, and recycle. When I was first elected to the Village Board, Scottsville was already named the community which recycled more per resident than any other in Monroe County. There is no official tally these days, but I'm sure we would still be a leader in the recycling program. In order to keep residents encouraged and aware, you'll be happy to know the Village has taken several steps to stay on the leading edge of environmental action. We have joined into an intermunicipal agreement with Monroe County to access the Green Fueling Station on Scottsville Rd. Biodiesel from this facility will be used in our garbage truck. We have joined the EPA's "Waste Wise" program to help track our waste stream and identify quality improvements. We are members of the NY state program for Climate Smart Communities, pledging to become more energy efficient, supporting a green initiative economy, updating plans as new ideas and successes evolve, encouraging you to become aware and involved, and promoting climate protection through community land use planning, promoting a bikable and walkable community, and encouraging tree plantings.

Our local Wheatland Earth Institute has agreed to help guide and partner with us as we explore and resolve issues. We currently have a representative on the Monroe County Recycling Committee. We are also working with the Town of Wheatland to coordinate efforts as we go forward.

Please join us for our Earth Day celebration on April 18th. WC High School will host an Earth Expo and there will be Electronics Recycling at our DPW garage from 9 AM to noon (directly behind the Fire Hall, 385 Scottsville-Mumford Road). There is a \$5 fee for monitors, and \$10 fee for TVs. This is what we pay to ensure that these items are recycled responsibly. For those of you who want to get out and enjoy the Spring weather, our annual Spring cleanup will start the day off at 9 AM in front of the Village Hall, all you need is a pair of gloves and a determination to get all that winter trash picked up. The Lions will be serving "hots" in Johnson Park afterwards for clean-up volunteers.

Thank you all again for your truly remarkable efforts. We are a small community, but together we are doing our part to ensure a better future and world for those who come after us.



Wheatland-Chili School District Superintendent Tom Gallagher, Town of Wheatland Councilwoman Tammy Spear, and Village of Scottsville Mayor Michael Souers received an award on November 18, 2008, for "Greatest Community Participation and Spirit" during the countywide "Low Carbon Diet Challenge." Over twenty Wheatland residents participated in the 3-session program.

Wastewater Treatment Plant & Department of Public Works

Steve Farrell, WWTP Chief Operator & Deputy DPW Supt.

The Village of Scottsville's Waste Water Treatment Plant anticipates a busy spring and summer. We will be updating some of our equipment at the plant to become more efficient. With the plant built in the late 60's, we have done many updates over the years to keep up with the changing times, but new change is needed to continue the same level of service to the community. We also congratulate **Jim Luke** on the passing of his New York State Certification exam.

The DPW crew has had a busy winter season and will continue through the spring and summer months. We will continue to do road and sidewalk work throughout the village along with the many daily operations. Please take note of the **new village brush policy** that was adopted this past fall (please refer to your recycling calendar). Some new items to note: brush needs to be tied and bundled for curbside pick-up; the brush recycling center is open on selected Saturdays; and truck rental available.

The village is in the process of purchasing a new refuse collection truck. This truck will be equipped with an automated side arm attachment that will increase the safety and efficiency of the refuse collection. **We ask that you put the handles of your toter towards your home as it is explained on the toter.** All refuse that is put out to the curb should be placed in the toter, if possible. Thank you!

Scottsville EMS

Matt Jarrett, EMS Chief



Scottsville Fire Dept.

Robert Emerson, Fire Chief

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. As you may be aware, the Rescue Squad has undergone a monumental restructuring. The objective of this restructuring is to enable the Rescue Squad to provide an emergency medical system for our community that is proactive in providing prompt and professional emergency medical care, community health outreach, and is adequately funded and accessible.

The Rescue Squad is pleased to announce new community outreach initiatives. In conjunction with the Wheatland Senior Center, we will be conducting a monthly blood pressure clinic. This will assist the seniors of our community in maintaining health and wellness. For more information, please contact the Senior Center or the Rescue Squad. Later this year, the Rescue Squad will begin a program that will provide free CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training to our community. We will also provide free CPR and AED training to local businesses that maintain a Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program. American Heart Association studies show that victims of sudden cardiac arrest have a 25%-40% higher chance of survival with early CPR and early defibrillation. Look for details on this exciting new program later this year.

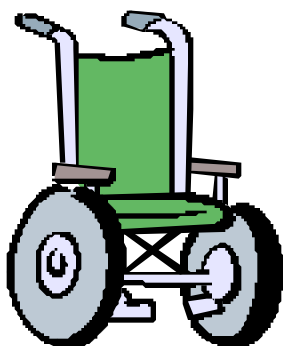
The Rescue Squad will be launching a new website: www.ScottsvilleEMS.org This website will provide the community with news and information about the Rescue Squad, community news and training opportunities, and tips on getting and staying healthy. Please check back frequently for updated news and events.

Interested in volunteering? We are constantly recruiting professional volunteers for the position of emergency medical technician, driver, dispatcher and support staff. No previous experience is required, and all required training is provided at no charge. If responding to calls just isn't for you, we need volunteers to help us behind the scenes as well. Call us or log on for more information.

Be safe and be healthy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly via email at: mjarrett@ScottsvilleEMS.org or call the station at 889-1900.

Matthew Jarrett, Chief

Did you know...



that the Rescue Squad maintains a community loan closet for medical supplies?

Crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs are available for loan on a short term basis to residents of our community at no charge.

Call 889-1900 for info.

The Scottsville Fire Department has completed a couple projects during the fall and winter seasons.

Partially funded by the Memorial Fund, the Department purchased a new Hurst tool (jaws of life). This new updated tool will help us handle today's evolving cars and truck models. Recognizing the state of our economy, some of our members took on a project to refurbish our 1989 grass fire truck, which is used for grass and field fires and off-road rescues whether it be on the NYS Greenway or for hunting accidents. The old utility box was converted to a standard pickup truck box, which is much lighter, the old water tank was replaced by a 200 gallon poly tank, and a new pump was installed. This truck also hauls our boat and water rescue equipment.

Our 2009 Line Officers are as follows:

Fire Chief: Robert Emerson

Asst. Chiefs: James Ely Jr. and Dave Sheffield

Captains: Dave Merritt and Brian Ely

Lieutenants: Steve Bowman, Robert Valerio, and Jon Barker

Fire Police Captain: Don Brown

Fire Police Lieutenants: Frank Wunder and Tom Scott

Safety Officer: James Craven

It is our pleasure to serve our community and keep it as safe as possible.

Robert Emerson, Chief

Village Trustee Charles Bryant, R.A.

Substantive progress has been made in the process of becoming a "Certified Local Government" (CLG). After the public hearing at the February 10, 2009 Village Board meeting, the Board adopted a Historical Preservation Local Law for the Village of Scottsville. The adoption of this law will enable the Village to proceed with the application for CLG certification from the National Park Service. I will be working with, and receiving guidance from, the New York's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to verify that the Village is following the best practices during this process. Some of the benefits of becoming a CLG are that historic resource preservation efforts receive services better tailored to the needs of the Village from SHPO. Other benefits include access to grants, training, and preservation programs.

This program helps fulfill some of the recommendations of the recently completed "Main Street Improvement Study" conducted for the Village by *Stewart I. Brown Associates, Inc.* The findings and recommendations of the study can be reviewed at the Village offices, and the visuals and meeting minutes from the recent meeting at the municipal building can be viewed online at:

www.scottsvillen.org/mainstreetstudy.php



Community Events for Spring - Summer 2009

April

Thursday, April 2: Pajama Story Hour, Spring is Here. Scottsville Library, 28 Main Street. 7:00 P.M. Books and crafts for three and four year olds.

Saturday, April 4: Wheatland Recreation Easter Party for 4-8 year olds. 11 am to 12 noon at Scottsville Fire House Pavilion, 387 Scotts-Mumford Rd. Contact: Diane Jennings 889-1553 x 103.

Thursday, April 16: Garbutt Gypsum Mines - Presented by Paul DeSteffano. Sage Marlowe House, 69 Main Street Scottsville at 7:00 P.M. Contact: 889-4574 for more info.

Saturday, April 18: SPRING CLEAN-UP! Meet at the Village Office, 22 Main St, at 9:00 A.M. Bring your gloves - We supply the rest. Lions to serve "Hots" in Johnson Park afterwards for volunteers.

Saturday, April 18: Earth Day! Celebration at WCCS. Electronics Recycling at DPW Garage, 389 Scotts-Mumford Rd., 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. \$5 fee for monitors and \$10 fee for TVs.

Saturday, April 18: Earth Day! 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Scottsville Library, 28 Main Street, Recycle your hard and soft bound books, DVDs CDs. Bring them to the Library! All donations benefit the Annual Used Book Sale in Oct.

Saturday, April 18: Zoo Mobile Visit.. Scottsville Library, 28 Main Street., 11:00 A.M. Zoo personnel bring a variety of live animals and discuss habits, habitats and what we can do to be caring conservators of wildlife.

Saturday, April 25: Electronics Recycling at Town of Wheatland Garage, 1822 Scottsville Mumford Rd., 8: A.M. - 3: P.M.

May

Saturday, May 2: Electronics Recycling at Town of Wheatland Garage, 1822 Scottsville Mumford Rd., 8: A.M. - 3: P.M.

Wednesday, May 6: Jane Milliman, editor of the Upstate Gardeners Journal, Scottsville Library, 28 Main Street, 7:00 P.M. Jane shows slides and discusses the art of gardening in Western New York.

Saturday, May 16: Yard & Geranium Sale, Sage Marlowe House, 69 Main St. Scottsville at, 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. Call 889-4574 for more info.

Monday, May 25: American Legion will be hosing the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. The Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. with ceremonies at the Veteran's Memorial Park following the parade.

Wednesday, May 27: Wheatland Recreation Summer Registration, 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at Wheatland Recreation Office, 22 Main Street Contact: Diane Jennings 889-1553 x 103.

Saturday, May 30: Terry Fyke is having her annual dance recital at Roberts Wesleyan at 6:30 p.m. Call 889-5920 for further details.

June

Saturday, June 6: "Full Moon Concert Series" hosted by the Village of Scottsville at the American Legion, 61 Main Street. FREE!

Monday, June 29: "Express Yourself@Your Library". Summer reading program registration. Scottsville Library, 28 Main Street., Sign up and read all summer! Students K-8. Experience the fun and escape of summer reading. Prizes!

July

Wednesday, July 1: Reading program kickoff celebration! Special program TBA! Bike Raffle! Win a new bike and helmet! \$1.00 tickets at the circulation desk. 7:00 P.M., Scottsville Library, 28 Main Street..

Monday, July 6 - August 7: Johnson Park Playground, Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Contact: Diane Jennings 889-1553 x 103

Saturday, July 11: "Full Moon Concert Series" hosted by the Village of Scottsville at the American Legion, 61 Main Street. FREE!

August

Wednesday, August 12: Summer Reading Program Awards, Scottsville Library 28 Main Street 7:00 P.M. Summerfest: Drawing for the winning bike raffle ticket. August 15 at 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 15: "Scottsville Summerfest". Hosted by the Village of Scottsville, Scottsville Rotary and Wheatland Chamber of Commerce. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Call the Village of Scottsville Office 889-6050.

September

Tuesday, September 8 - October 31: Flag Football, Boys and Girls entering grades 3-6 in the fall of 2009, Time TBA, at Freeman Park Mumford, Chili, Riga, and Brockport.. \$35.00 by March 18th, \$45.00 after-signup deadline of June 30. Contact Dan Harmon 538-6114.

Village of Scottsville Meeting Dates

In compliance with Article 7 of the Public Officers Law relating to Open Meetings, be advised that, at the First Official Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Scottsville, it was determined that the regular meetings of the Fire Commissioners and Village Board will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Fire Commissioners meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M. and the Board of Trustees meeting beginning at 6:30 P.M. The upcoming dates for 2009-2010 are listed below:

Monday, April 6, 2009 (Organizational Meeting at 5:00 PM)
April 14, 2009
May 12, 2009
June 9, 2009
July 14, 2009
August 11, 2009
September, 8, 2009

Zoning Board: 2nd Thursday each month on an as needed basis, beginning at 6:45 P.M.

Planning Board: 2nd Thursday each month beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Both Boards have a minimum of one month application deadline.

For more information about meetings, please call 889-6050.

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