



# THE LUMBERLAND NEWSLETTER



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- Ukrainian Christmas Bazaar, Town Hall, Dec. 7, 12-6pm
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- Holodomor Exhibit, Lumberland Senior Center, Dec. 13-17
- Lumberland Christmas Concert, Town Hall Dec. 15, 2pm
- Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 Municipal Offices Closed
- December Calendar

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## *From the Supervisor:*

Dear Lumberland Residents,

At the last Town Board meeting, the board approved the 2014 budget which is \$100,000 less than the 2013 budget, well below the 2% tax cap. We worked on decreasing the town spending for the upcoming year as well as trimming budget lines where possible. We will continue this trend for the future.

Over the past several years we have made many necessary repairs and upgrades to our town facilities most of which were reimbursed by grant money. There is still more to be done and we continue to look for additional grant money to help us in achieving these improvements.

I will continue to work diligently for the residents in reducing taxes and pursuing business opportunities for the town as well. As always, my door is open to everyone.

Our next town meeting is December 11, 2013. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Happy Holidays to All!

Nadia Rajsz,  
Supervisor



Assistance with HEAP forms is available in my office, please contact Christina Shablovsky, supervisor's assistant, at 856-8600 ext. 221.

# Kitty Kontingent of the Town of Lumberland

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## DO YOU KNOW THIS CRIMINAL?

Every few months, someone releases kittens or young cats into “the wilderness” of Pond Eddy and, no doubt, other places around the Town of Lumberland. This person works secretly, probably “under cover of darkness.”

Evidently, this person has a cat that is NOT spayed (think Barn Cat) and therefore the kitty is forced to bear litter after litter of unwanted kittens. When the kittens are about six months old this person disposes of them - releasing them into the wilderness to suffer and struggle on their own – a terrible fate to inflict on a sentient, vulnerable, innocent little being. Be assured that the cats are thoroughly traumatized by this experience - suddenly having to feed and protect themselves at a tender age – alone and largely helpless in a scary, ever-threatening environment. We at The Kitty Kontingent know this well as we have rescued many of these kitties and have seen, first hand, how traumatized they are. Often it takes months before they can trust a human being who is trying to help them. But many of these kitties are wonderfully winsome and adorable!

Some American domestic cats can grow a thick coat and survive in the cold for a year or two, if they're lucky – but it's not a good life! – to put it mildly – It's a DREADFUL LIFE. And worse – once the cat reaches the age of reproduction (7 months old), that's what they start to do – reproduce! – having more kittens – just what we don't want, as there are too many kittens in the world now for the number of homes that can take them in!



**There are laws against abandoning pets in the State of New York.** The penalty can be up to \$1,000 or a year in prison! So a person who cruelly releases a pet “into the wild” to fend for itself is a CRIMINAL and should be PUNISHED according to the law.

**Do you know someone who is a CRIMINAL in this manner?** – someone who's got a cat that is NOT SPAYED or NEUTERED, who gives birth to litter after litter of unwanted kittens – after which the six-month old kittens suddenly “disappear?!”

Please know that this person is a CALLOUS & CRUEL CRIMINAL!!! However, **YOU CAN HELP!** You can inform him that what he's doing is unlawful; You could appeal to his sense of humanity to stop doing something so cruel – and, most importantly, you can URGE HIM TO GET HIS CATS SPAYED!! (- and his male cats neutered). You can tell him that he will enjoy his cats a great deal more once they are neutered! (Absolutely true!) If this CRIMINAL continues to do his CRUEL ACTS you can REPORT HIM TO THE POLICE! - Or to the Humane Society. He definitely SHOULD BE REPORTED. It is your DUTY TO REPORT HIM!! That's the only way we can stop this!

Here is where you can have a cat spayed or neutered for a reasonable fee:

**TARA at 845-754-7100 or Humane Society at 845-856-3677.**

## Kitty Kontingent of the Town of Lumberland

Joan Rosenfelt, Director. P.O. Box 111 – Pond Eddy, NY 12770 Email: KittyKontingent@Earthlink.Net

**[ We urge you to teach your children: BE KIND TO ANIMALS! – ALL ANIMALS! – ALWAYS. ]**

## Happy Holidays from your Constabulary

This month I would like to point out some proactive steps you can take to help ensure the security of your home. Burglaries are an invasion of privacy and can make you feel extremely vulnerable. Although this list is far from being all inclusive it should serve as a guide to help lessen the possibility of a potential burglary.

1. Make it a point to have valuable items such as lawn mowers, wood splitters, quads and the like secured in a locking shed, garage or chained up.
2. Have an alarm system installed by a reputable alarm company to help ward off crimes of opportunity. Statistics have shown that residence's that have a conspicuously posted alarm sign are less likely to be unlawfully entered for the express intent of committing a burglary.
3. Make it a point to look after your neighbor's home especially if they are away for an extended period of time. Being a good neighbor will ensure that they will do the same for you when needed.
4. Do not allow excess mail or newspapers to pile up in front of your home or driveway. That is an open invitation for a burglar to enter upon your property in order to commit a crime as the perpetrator will think you are away.
5. It would be a good idea for those of you who post on social media sites to not include information such as vacation plans to the web. What you are inadvertently doing is telegraphing your intentions whereas a perpetrator may act on that information.
6. Lighting timers throughout your home can give the impression that the occupants are home which has been proven to deter burglaries.
7. Other resources such as the internet can be an excellent source of additional information that may be helpful to your specific situation.

Again, these are a few ideas that may help deter those intent on committing a crime. No plan of action is fool proof but hardening access to your home can help limit unwanted intrusions.

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WISHES**  
**EVERYONE SAFE, HAPPY & HEALTHY**  
**HOLIDAYS!**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**  
**THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**WILL BE CLOSING AT 11:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2013 TO ATTEND A TOWN CLERKS'**  
**LUNCHEON**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES HOLIDAY CLOSINGS SCHEDULE**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013,**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2013,**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014**  
**OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS & NEW**  
**YEAR'S HOLIDAYS!**

**TOWN BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013**  
**7 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

**TOWN BOARD YEAR-END MEETING & 2014 ELECTED**  
**OFFICIALS SWEARING IN CEREMONY MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013**  
**7 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

**TOWN BOARD 2014 RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014**  
**7 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

## “Giving Tree”

Beginning November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the town clerk’s office will be hosting a “giving tree” to benefit the boys and girls clubs of Sullivan and Orange counties. This tree will have ornaments that will feature a child’s first name, age, and size/hobby information. Everyone is invited to come into the main office at the Glen Spey municipal building and pick an ornament and fulfill a child’s Christmas wish or need. We would appreciate everyone joining us in providing a child with an unforgettable holiday!

All items are to be delivered back to the town clerk’s office, unwrapped, by December 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank all those that participate in this program!

## **E-Z PASS ON THE GO PROGRAM**

For all of those out there debating whether you should purchase an E-Z Pass kit – I recently purchased my own kit and now have first hand knowledge how wonderful it is to approach the toll booths and roll through without having to wait in line to pay for the toll or to wait for change.

### **THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING!**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IS NOW SELLING E-Z PASS KITS. THE COST PER KIT IS \$25. ONCE YOU PURCHASE THE PASS FROM THIS OFFICE IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THE PASS WITHIN 48 HOURS VIA PHONE OR INTERNET. \$15 IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR USE. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CLICK ONTO**

**[www.e-zpassny.com](http://www.e-zpassny.com)**

**IT WILL ALSO BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT MORE MONEY ON THE PASS ONCE YOUR BALANCE IS LOW.**

**E-Z PASSES ARE NOW ACCEPTED FOR USE IN 15 STATES AND CAN BE USED FOR PARKING AT AIRPORTS. THESE MAKE GREAT GIFTS!**



ACCEPTED IN 15 STATES



Non-Toll States

Register for



## School Property Tax Relief

All New York homeowners receiving a Basic STAR property tax exemption must register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the STAR exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

All Basic STAR recipients will receive registration instructions by mail.

Visit our Web site at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) to register now.

The registration deadline is:  
**December 31, 2013**

This is part of an initiative to protect New Yorkers against the costs of inappropriate or fraudulent STAR exemptions.

### Questions?

- Call (518) 457-2036
- Visit our Web site

[www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)



New York State Department of  
Taxation and Finance

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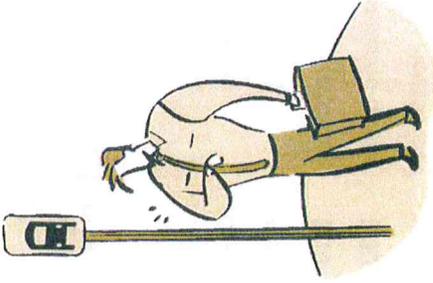
## Transportation

The Division of Public Works  
Transportation Section

The Sullivan County Transportation Department will be providing Open Public Transportation beginning on March 25th 2010. There are to be two (2) round-trip routes, one of which will run on Thursdays from Lumberland/Bethel to Monticello. The second route to be run on Fridays will be from Delaware/Callicoon to Monticello.

If you have questions about transportation call the Sullivan County Transportation Department at  
(845) 807-0180

Thank you for using public transit  
in Sullivan County



All passengers Must Call  
(807) 807-0180, between  
8:00am-5:00pm at least  
24 hours Before Your Trip  
to schedule pick-up at a  
public stop

Please arrive five (5) minutes  
before schedule time  
ALL TIMES are APPROXIMATE

Para Transit service is available



## Sullivan County Transportation

# **PUBLIC BUS SERVICE**

**Thursdays Only**  
Lumberland/Bethel

**Fridays Only**  
Delaware/Callicoon

**Exact Change Only**  
**\$1.50 single ride**  
**No Food or Drink**  
**No Smoking**

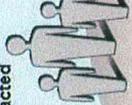
Sullivan County Transportation is a  
Department Within The Division of  
Public Works

Call for Details (845) 807-0180



## How NY-ALERT works

4. Public notification groups are contacted via respective gateways



3. Upon activation time, notification gateways open, allowing message to be disseminated.

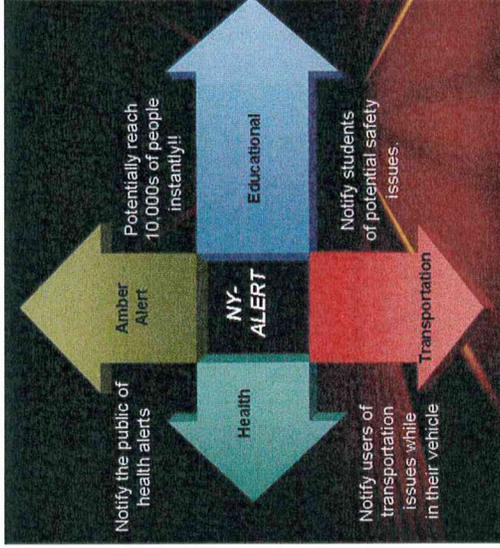
2. Authorized user crafts message for either public alert or private notification.

1. Authorized users access NY-ALERT through the internet.

You also will be able to select the locations from which you want to receive the information: your town or village, county, regions of the State or the entire state itself. However, if you select a large geographic area, you will receive all of the alerts, media releases and other information regarding those areas.

While NY-ALERT will transmit information almost instantaneously utilizing all appropriate gateways simultaneously, there is no 100 percent guarantee that the information will be received in a timely manner because the existing third party infrastructure may be unavailable (such as SMS, faxing and phone lines).

## Endless Possibilities



## Be Prepared

Receiving emergency information is an important step to being prepared as an individual, a family and a community. Just as important is knowing what to do, how to do it, and when to do it.

In addition to receiving emergency information through NY-ALERT, two actions that you can take to become better prepared to protect yourself and your family are to develop an emergency plan and prepare a portable cache of emergency supplies that can be used at home or at work.

For more information on what you and your family can do to be better prepared, visit the website of the New York State Emergency Management Office at

[www.semo.state.ny.us](http://www.semo.state.ny.us)

## Sign Up Today

NY-ALERT is free and subscription-based. If you wish to receive emergency information, you can register at the NY-ALERT website at

[www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov)

Your email address will be your identifier. When you register, you can list up to three phone numbers, up to three email addresses, and one SMS device (for text messages). Most alerts are issued locally by your county or local municipality. Local officials will determine when to issue an alert and what devices to send alerts to. You may receive information on all of the devices you registered, or just one. Each emergency is different; therefore, each alert will be tailored to meet the notification needs of the incident. If you do not have access to the worldwide web, you may still sign up for NY-ALERT by calling

**1-888-697-6972**

New York State's All-Hazards Alert & Notification System

[www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov)

# NY-ALERT

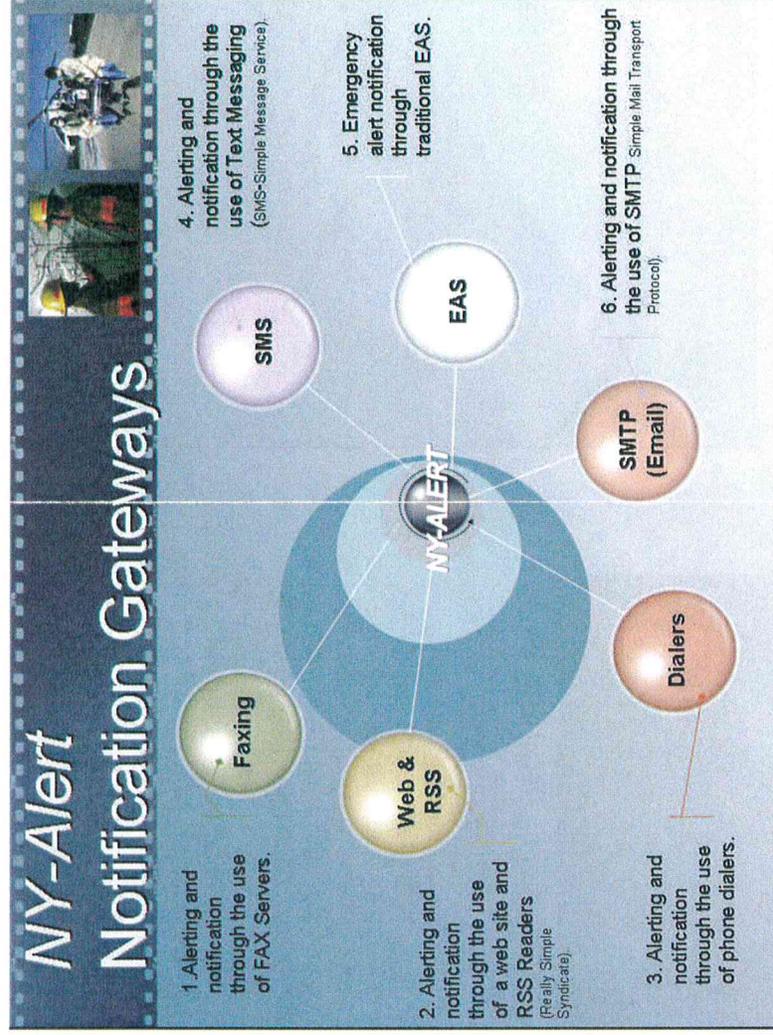
Eliot Spitzer, Governor

# NY-ALERT

Welcome to NY-ALERT, New York State's All-Hazards Alert and Notification System. This web-based portal offers one-stop shopping through which State agencies, county and local governments, emergency service agencies and institutions of higher learning can provide emergency information to a defined audience be it local, county, regional or statewide.

Now you can receive emergency information such as major road closures and weather events at home, work or on the go. And you can receive that information the way you choose: via email; telephone call at home, at work or through your cellular device; Simple Message Service (SMS) text message; fax; pager; and on the web through your RSS (Really Simple Syndicate) Reader or by visiting the NY-ALERT website at [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov).

The information being provided by State agencies and local governments can be of pending events, such as National Weather Service alerts of snowstorms, tornadoes or severe weather; consequential actions such as road closures caused by those events; and protective actions that are recommended by State, local governments, colleges, universities, and the private sector where appropriate.



## How NY-ALERT Works: Notification Gateways

The alerting portion of this portal uses many communications technologies to reach the public. The portal will disseminate emergency information through:

- Activation of EAS (Emergency Alert System);
- Blast faxes—to all subscribers who requested this gateway;
- Email message to media, business and individual subscribers
- Really Simple Syndicate (RSS) feeds posted to the website, through which people with RSS readers will automatically receive information;
- Text messages or Simple Message Service (SMS) via cell phones and pagers;
- Postings to the NY-ALERT website;
- Press releases to targeted media generated from the NY-ALERT portal;
- Dial-out recorded messages to subscriber phone numbers.

State and local agencies, through the county emergency manager, will be able to create incident-specific emergency messages to the targeted audiences/public, or take advantage of alert messages routinely provided by agencies to the public of impending weather and road closures (e.g. Thruway closures, National Weather Service warnings).

## Secure Private Notifications

A secondary, but important feature allows governmental participants (State and local agencies) to provide private notifications to identified, select groups through the same secure web portal. This feature utilizes the fax, email, text message and dial out messaging. For example, a county sheriff could provide information to a group of local police chiefs; the county fire coordinator could provide information to local fire chiefs in a given region.

# Lumberland Christmas Tree Decorating



ALL are Invited!

Design Your Own  
Ornaments & More...!

## Lumberland Town Hall

1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, NY 12737

Friday, Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Families Come Join Us!  
For Kids of All Ages!



Refreshments & Treats will be served.

Volunteer helpers are greatly appreciated call:  
Christine @ 858-2420 Thank You!!!



# Ukrainian Christmas Bazaar!

Pierogies! Stuffed Cabbage!

Kielbasa and Sauerkraut!

Home-baked goodies!

Christmas crafts! Vendors!

**December 7, 2013      12 – 6 PM**  
**Lumberland Town Hall**  
**1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, NY**

Everyone is welcome!

Call 856-1650 or 856-2546 for more information.





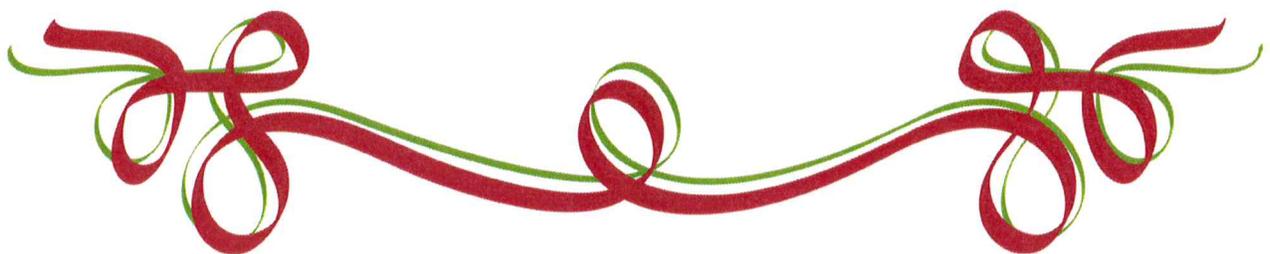
# Lumberland Democrats' Holiday Poinsettia Sale

The Lumberland Democrats will be selling Poinsettias this holiday season in red, white, pink or marble. Poinsettias will be sold at the Ukrainian Bazaar on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Lumberland Town Hall. The cost is \$8/plant or 2 plants for \$15.

Please contact Deanna Rajsz for additional information, or to pre-order your Poinsettia, at (845) 649-1408 or [lumberlanddemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:lumberlanddemocrats@gmail.com).

*Happy Holidays from the Lumberland Democrats!*

 Lumberland Democrats



FROM THE DESK OF

# Santa Claus



To all the children that live in Glen Spey, New York and surrounding areas. I'll be stopping by Circle Park to visit with you aboard the Santa Express on Saturday, December, 7th 2013 at 6:00 pm. I'll be bringing Rudolph, Frosty, Gingerbread, Mrs. Claus, Chrissy Mouse, our Snow Queen, and Teddy Bear along with me. My elves will have some goodies from Mrs. Claus to hand out as well.

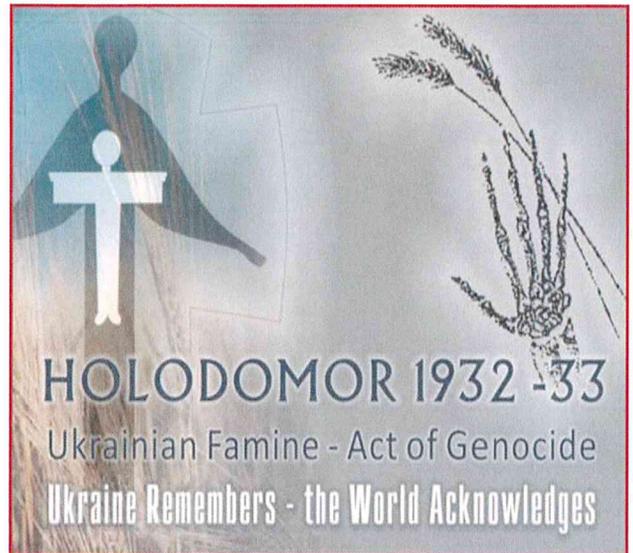
Make sure you have your letters, signs and anything else you'd like me to take back to the North Pole ready for my arrival. And don't forget your dancing shoes! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again this year. Make sure you stay good and listen to your parents. Santa is always watching and knows when you're naughty and nice.

See you all very soon,  
Santa Claus



THE NORTH POLE, ARCTIC CIRCLE

*80<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of  
the Ukrainian  
Famine-Genocide*



**Public reception on Saturday,  
December 14 at 3 PM**

**Lumberland Senior Center,  
1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, NY**

Exhibit of photos, books and documents

**Prize-Winning Films:**

***Harvest of Despair* and  
*Holodomor: The Movie***

Friday, December 13 — 12 noon to 6 PM

Saturday, December 14 — 10 AM to 4 PM

Monday, December 16 — 10 AM to 4 PM

Tuesday, December 17 — 10 AM to 4 PM

Open to the public at no charge. For additional information, please call Sophia Martynec 845-557-0677.

*Sponsored by the Ukrainian National Women's League of America – Branch 62*



**ALL Invited!**

**The Annual Free  
Lumberland Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2:00 p.m.**

*Come and Enjoy the FUN!*

*Bring Your Family & Friends!*

**Great  
Entertainment!**



**Santa Claus  
& Merry Elves!**



**“Story Time”  
For Young & Old**

**Caroling!**

**Refreshments & Treats  
(Cake, Coffee & Juice)**

**Lumberland Town Hall  
1054 Proctor Road  
Glen Spey, NY**



Anyone who would like to perform can call Christine: 845-858-2420


  
**2013**      **December**      **2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>Senior Christmas Party 12pm Henning's Local Zoning Review Meeting 5:30pm</b>	4 <b>Republican Club Meeting 7pm</b>	5	6 <b>Lumberland Christmas Tree Decorating Town Hall 6 pm</b>	7 <b>Ukrainian Christmas Bazaar Town Hall 12-6pm</b> <b>Santa Arrives Circle Park 6 pm</b>
8	9	10	11 <b>Town Board Meeting 7pm</b>	12	13 <b>Ukrainian Famine Exhibit Lumberland Senior Center 12-6pm</b>	14 <b>Famine Exhibit Reception 3 pm</b>
15 <b>Town of Lumberland Free Christmas Concert Town Hall 2 pm</b>	16 <b>Famine Exhibit 10-4pm</b>	17 <b>Famine Exhibit 10-4pm</b> <b>ZBA Meeting 7:30pm</b>	18 <b>Christmas Office Party 1pm</b>	19 <b>Parks Committee Meeting 7pm</b>	20	21 
22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Municipal Offices Closed</b>	25  <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Municipal Offices Closed</b>	26 <b>Kwanzaa (begins)</b> <b>LEC Meeting 7pm</b>	27 <b>4-H Club Meeting 7pm</b>	28
29	30 <b>Year End Meeting 7pm</b>	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>  <b>Municipal Offices Closed</b>				