

*Town of Lake Pleasant*  
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**Town Museum**

The “new” town museum was actually built in 1897 as Lake Pleasant’s first town hall. In 1937 a library was added, and in 1965 - after a new town hall was built - the building was used exclusively as a library. In 2002 the library moved to its present location and was upgraded to a fully chartered public library. Shortly thereafter, the Town Board asked a very interested Anne Weaver to accept an appointment as Town Historian and create a museum in the old building. Anne, Village Historian Bev Hoffman, and the newly formed Historical Society have worked together to place some very interesting exhibits in the town’s museum.

Additionally, Anne and company have successfully worked their way through the incredibly detailed paperwork necessary to accomplish yet another achievement: getting this building listed on both the New York State and National Register of Historic Places. The town received official notification of this listing on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This now opens the door for possible restoration and preservation grant opportunities, which we will actively pursue.

The museum is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be an “Open House” from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits change every 6 months. Stop in soon.

**Court Renovation Grant**

Town Clerk Charlotte “Chari” Smith applied for and was awarded a court renovation grant in the amount \$24,197. These funds will be used for improving court security, appearance, and operational efficiency. To make the most of this grant, our Parks, Recreation, and Buildings Dept. will perform much of the work.

**Real Property Revaluation Update**

It is the Town of Lake Pleasant’s practice to conduct a town-wide real property revaluation once every three years in order to keep assessments in balance with actual real estate sales. By doing this on a regular schedule, we try to see that no one pays more than his proportionate share of the budget.

### **Town Clerk Chari Smith Takes Top Honors**

Charlotte “Chari” Smith was awarded the New York State Town Clerks Association’s “District 4 Town Clerk of the Year” award on April 28<sup>th</sup> in Rochester, NY. The award cites her for, “*distinguished, outstanding service and professional dedication*”. Throughout her 22 years in office, she has served on a variety of boards and committees and has dedicated herself to upholding the highest standards of public office.

Chari recently announced her plans to retire at the end of her current term on December 31, 2009. She will be missed.

### **Possible Sewer Extension**

The Town of Lake Pleasant has once again retained the services of Lamont Engineers to update our preliminary engineering report just in case federal stimulus money becomes available to extend the village sewer line up to and including the Lake Pleasant Trailer Park. Lamont has provided sewer and water engineering services for the Village of Speculator for many years and did the town’s original preliminary engineering report several years ago. We look forward to working with the village on this important project.

### **Duck Itch**

Once again this summer the Lake Pleasant/Speculator Consolidated Health District will continue its effort to minimize the incidence of “swimmer’s itch” in Lake Pleasant and Sacandaga Lake. Last year’s application of copper sulfate was done in deeper waters than usual, resulting in much greater snail kill and dramatically reducing reported cases. Hoping to repeat last year’s success, we will continue application in deeper waters. Some property owners, however, may still wish to have their individual beaches treated as they have in the past. For those who want this service and are willing to pay for it, please contact our DEC licensed applicator, Bill Sutfin at Adirondax Services, Inc. His number is 518-532-7102.

Finally, it is no longer necessary to report cases of swimmer’s itch to the town hall.

### **Town Website – Your Link to Town and Village Government**

When is the last time you logged on to your local government website, [lakepleasantny.org](http://lakepleasantny.org)? Check it out sometime soon, because that’s where you can find everything from a local schedule of events to our garbage pick-up schedule (a real best-seller).