

# The Bee

Town of Hume Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Rd. Hume, at 7PM. Town Board meetings are open to the public. Complete copies of the minutes may also be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

### Town of Hume Board Members

Supervisor:

Dennis Ricketts

Council Members:

Bryce Bower

Daniel Miller

Chris Austin

Greg McKurth

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## “Our Town” A Word from Supervisor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Calvin Schierer and Mrs. Marcy Culbert for the medical attention given to Town of Hume Dog Control Officer Joan Wagner.

The Main Street grant the Town of Hume applied for was denied. We will apply again at a later date.

The Preliminary 2011 Budget public hearing was October 26, there were no attendees. After general discussion the 2011 budget was adopted by the Town of Hume Town Board.

## Town of Hume Water/Sewer

The Town of Hume Water and Sewer plant are an valuable asset for the town. Water/Sewer Supervisor Dana Potter has his hands full keeping these two departments running smoothly and efficiently.

The Town of Hume Sewer Department services 250 households and businesses. The water department services 320 households and businesses. The sewer plant is a recalcu-lating stone filter system, which requires much manual labor to operate correctly and efficiently.

Daily maintenance and record keeping for both departments are

necessary to ensure proper water quality levels and function of the sewer and water plants. Maintenance checks are preformed daily, seven days a week.

The water and sewer supplied to the taxpayers in the water/sewer district are an asset to homeowners in the event of property sales.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Is there a leash law in the Town of Hume?

**A:** Yes. All dogs must be on a leash or properly confined to their property. Also, any dog over 4 months of age must be licensed.

**Q:** Can I burn my trash?

**A:** No. New York State passed a No Open Burning law in October of 2009. It superseded an earlier Town law that allowed burning in certain circumstances.

**Q:** Is there a noise ordinance?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Why can't I find the Town of Hume phone number in the book?

**A:** The numbers are there, but listed as Hume, Town of.

**Q:** Where do I register to vote?

**A:** You may register at the Board of Elections office, 6 Schuyler Street, in Belmont.

**Q:** How do I obtain a copy of my marriage license?

**A:** Contact the Clerk's office where you purchased your license, not the municipality where you were married. If you purchased your license in the Town of Hume, phone 585-567-2666 for more information on how to correctly apply for a copy.

**Q:** How do I get a tag for the transfer station?

**A:** Apply to the Allegany County DPW at 7 Court Street, Room 210, Belmont, NY 14813, or pick up an application at the Town Clerk's Office.

**Q:** When is Town of Hume Court in session?

**A:** Town of Hume Justice Court

convenes on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM except for the second Thursday of each month when they convene at 5:00 PM. You may call 585-567-2666 to verify that Court is scheduled for a particular Thursday.

**Q:** How do I arrange for the Judge to perform my marriage ceremony?

**A:** Contact the Justice during Court hours at 585-567-2666 to make your arrangements.

**Q:** How can we reserve the Park Pavilion?

**A:** Call the Town Clerk's office at 585-567-2666 to verify an open date, then make application and pay the fees. Rental is \$50.00 plus a \$50.00 key deposit that is refundable if, after your event, the key is returned and the pavilion inspection is positive.

**Q:** How many people will the Pavilion accommodate?

**A:** There are tables and chairs for 50 persons.

**Q:** Do you have copies of tax maps?

**A:** Yes. You may view them during regular business hours.

**Q:** I want to see the assessment rolls. Where are they located?

**A:** The tentative and the final tax assessment rolls are at the Town Clerk's office. For detailed assessment information, you may call Russell Heslin, the Assessor, at 585-437-2206.

**Q:** Are there any apartments or houses for rent in Fillmore?

**A:** I'm sorry, but we do not keep records of that type.

**Q:** How do I apply for a job at the Town of Hume?

**A:** You may fill out an application available at the Town Clerk's office. At this time, there are no openings, but your application will be kept on file for any time period you request.

**Q:** How do I reach the State Police office?

**A:** Phone 585-567-2283. That is the Fillmore satellite office. If no one is in the office, your call will ring through to the dispatcher at the Amity station.

**Q:** What are your office hours?

**A:** Monday through Friday from 9 AM – Noon, and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Q:** Can you notarize something for me?

**A:** Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan is a notary and can perform this service for you.

**Q:** Does the Town of Hume offer garbage pickup?

**A:** No. There is no municipal garbage service. Private companies do area pickup. You have the option of hiring a service or obtaining a transfer station tag for disposal. Once a year, the Town has a White Goods Clean Up Day when appliances and large articles may be left at the Town Highway Sheds.

Do you have other unanswered questions? Please contact Town of Hume Supervisor Ricketts or Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan.

## Museum News

Genealogy requests have been abundant over the last few months. Visitors coming from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia to find their roots have returned to Hume to find where their ancestors lived or are buried.

It is great fun meeting these people.. And it is also a rewarding feeling when even the smallest piece of information is found to add to their family tree puzzle.

Don Barber has finished Baptist Church 175th history book. He gathered most of the information for it from the Northern Allegheny Observer newspapers

archived here in the museum.

The newspaper copying project is still in progress, although it has slowed some during the summer months. We feel this slight set back is due to word getting out about the searchable newspapers...and that is not a bad thing. With winter approaching the copying will begin again.

Two years ago Nancy Gillette and I were involved with helping prepare a historical calendar of Allegheny County. A year prior to that we helped the Castile Historical Society prepare a historical calendar for the Town of Castile's bicentennial.

This year we helped with the Town of Freedom's bicentennial historical calendar. Calendars with pictures and fun facts are always a hit so we decided to prepare another for the upcoming year.

The 2011 calendar is full of great pictures from the area along with many interesting facts found in the *Northern Allegheny Observer*. These will be available by December 1st. If you would like more information please contact Nancy Gillette or Rondus Miller at the Town of Hume Museum.

## Winter and the Highway

It is that time of year again when we could wake up to a blanket of snow on our highways and sidewalks!

The first snow fall, along with the last are sometimes the most treacherous. And our winter driving skills sometimes need to be sharpened slightly.

When clearing your driveway remember to push the snow into your yard and not into the highway. It is against the law and you could be ticketed for this dangerous practice.

Do not park on the streets, this makes snow removal harder for the highway crew.



West Main Street Fillmore early 1900's. French Pharmacy, Midea's Shoe Repair, Sweet's Restaurant on right.

First two buildings on left are Wiles Furniture Store and State Bank of Fillmore.

Visit the Town of Hume on the web, to find complete Board minutes, links to Town departments and general information. [www.humetown.org](http://www.humetown.org)

**Town Clerk** hours: Monday to Friday 9-12 & 1-5

phone 585-567-2666

email: [humetown@rochester.rr.com](mailto:humetown@rochester.rr.com)

**Posting places:** Town of Hume Clerk's Office, Community Bank, Wide Awake Library, Brooks Hose Fire Company Fire Hall, Wiscoy-Rossburg Fire Hal, Speicher's Groceries, & Jubilee.

**Newspaper:** Olean Times Herald

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If you would like to contribute to *The Bee* the next deadline is December 15th. Please remember the Town of Hume reserves the right to edit content.

Do you have old pictures from years past? The photo files here at the museum are lacking for the hamlets of Wiscoy, Rossburg and Mills' Mills. The hamlets of Fillmore and Hume have the most although there could be more we have never seen.

Sharing old photos for all to enjoy is a way of giving to your community but still retaining the originals yourself. The museum has the capability of scanning your photos on site while you wait. The utmost care in handling your photos is given to each one.

Photos of buildings, homes, farm machinery, or just plain good old fun are only few of the possibilities that may be in an attic waiting to be looked at again.

Family genealogy is another asset to the museum. There are many requests made by descendents of Town of Hume ancestors. Some of those searches are dead ends or good be more extensive if we had more genealogy information.

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## A Glance Back...

The following was printed in June 17, 1892 *The Hume Enterprise*:

*The height of the human body is generally ten times the length of the face; the face is as long as the hand; the arm is four times the length of the face; the sole is one-sixth the length of the body, and six times the thickness of the hand equals the thickness of the body.*

From June 16, 1899 *The Hume Enterprise*:

*In 1898 the State of New York produced 6,638,455 barrels of salt, the total production in the United States that year being 17, 459,291 barrels. The product in the United States is nearly equal to the demand. Only about 7 per cent, of the amount consumed last year was imported. Nearly everybody will now admit that it is better to produce or mine our own salt than to*

*pay foreign countries for it. Many years will pass before the tariff reformer will attempt again to put salt on the free list.*

Also from June 16, 1899 *The Hume Enterprise*:

*The Doud Hardware has some new silk fishing lines that are tested and guaranteed to hold a weight of twenty -three pounds.*

*The Ricker Hose Dramatic Co. are to present "The Girl From Klondike" on the evenings of the 22nd and 24th inst.*

From April 16, 1885 *Fillmore Enterprise*:

*Centerville...The largest elm tree in this section stands on M.D. Haak's land. It measures 22 feet in circumference, five feet about the ground.*

From the December 2, 1887 *The*

*Fillmore Enterprise: It is asserted that it is not an unusual thing for women who frequently go back and forth between Canada and the United States, along the border of the Ontario peninsula, to wear a smuggling bag. The contrivance is suspended from the waist, reaches within a few inches of the hem of the skirt, and will hold almost as much as a furniture van.*

*Berry Bros. Entertainment.- The well known and famous Berry Brothers, showmen, are to appear to Hume, Saturday evening next. Their entertainment now consists of Bell Ringing and a comic variety show, spoken of by the press as superb, and most highly entertaining. They give a portion of their receipts for the benefit of the Hume Fire Department. Admission 25 cts, children 15 cts.*