

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION NEWS

"In the whole world, there is only one Essex Junction."

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WARNING VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 4 & 5, 2007

The legal voters of the Village of Essex Junction are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Essex Community Educational Center on Educational Drive in the Village of Essex Junction on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM to act upon any of the following articles not involving voting by Australian ballot, said meeting to be adjourned to reconvene at the Albert D. Lawton School on Maple Street in the gymnasium of said school, on Thursday, April 5, 2007 to vote for Village officers and transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot, said voting by Australian ballot to begin at 7 AM and close at 7PM.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters act upon the report of the auditor?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters approve an annual General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,712,923 for fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, \$2,088,692 of which is to be levied in taxes against the Village Grand List?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters approve holding the 2008 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 to act upon any articles not involving voting by Australian ballot and to reconvene on Thursday, April 3, 2008 to vote for the Village officers and transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting?

BALLOT QUESTIONS

ARTICLE 5. To elect Village officers required by law including: Moderator (one year term); Village President (three year term); and Library Trustee (five year term)?

Dated this 27th day of February 2007

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lawrence C. Yandow, Jr.
Deborah A. Billado

Timothy Jerman

John J. Lajza, Jr.
Peter B. Gustafson

Attest: Susan McNamara-Hill, Village Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT REPORT

The 2006 Village Annual Report will be available at the Annual Meeting or may be picked up at the Village office, 2 Lincoln Street, or at the Brownell Library. The FY 06 Audit Report is available on-line at essexjunction.org or for public inspection at the

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

		FY 06 Budget	FY 06 Actual	FY 07 Budget	FY 08 Proposed Budget
Account					
1	Property Taxes	\$1,729,420	\$1,730,001	\$1,928,506	\$2,088,692
2	State for Pilot & Current Use	1,000	1,881	1,000	1,000
3	IBM Subsidy	491,375	491,375	423,844	363,300
4	Penalties/Interest Delinq. Taxes	3,500	4,411	4,500	5,000
5	License & Zoning Fees	35,000	31,746	26,250	32,500
6	Service Fee - Water	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
7	Service Fee - WWTP	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
8	Service Fee - Sanitation	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
9	State District Court Fines	2,931	2,931	2,931	2,931
10	State Highway Aid	90,000	98,062	90,000	95,000
11	EJSD Tax Collection Fee	32,984	35,050	34,104	35,824
12	Lincoln Hall Rentals	1,200	531	400	426
13	Miscellaneous Street Receipts	3,000	3,959	4,000	4,000
14	Miscellaneous Library Receipts	600	840	750	750
15	Essex Town Contribution to Library	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000
16	Interest Earnings	3,000	13,442	7,500	10,000
17	Miscellaneous Grants	0	56,714	0	0
18	Misc. Receipts	2,000	2,113	2,000	2,000
19	Sale of Asset	0	500	0	0
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	TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,482,510	\$2,560,056	\$2,597,285	\$2,712,923
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GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 06 Budget	FY 06 Actual	FY 07 Budget	FY 08 Proposed Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Administration	\$424,031	\$403,768	\$441,565	\$460,712
Misc Transfers & Expenditures	418,987	533,488	444,347	469,521
Fire Department	201,379	203,792	210,494	226,068
Library	535,381	535,646	558,032	582,808
Lincoln Hall	36,367	33,109	37,701	41,299
Planning Department	180,484	174,123	188,565	206,150
Economic Development	20,715	17,560	20,000	20,000
Street Department	665,166	656,802	696,581	706,365
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,482,510	\$2,558,288	\$2,597,285	\$2,712,923
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COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM ESSEX JUNCTION TROOP 624

Below is a recap of some of the Eagle Scout service projects that scouts from Troop 624 have accomplished. The Eagle Scout service project is the most challenging and demanding requirement for scouts on their way to earning their Eagle rank. The Eagle service project requires the scout to work every facet of a community service project. It includes developing the proposal, seeking approval through appropriate channels, fundraising to purchase required materials, organizing manpower to execute the project as well as being expected to make all time critical decisions during the execution phase of the service project. Leading an Eagle Scout service project at the age of 15–17 is quite an undertaking. Here is a summary of what scouts from Essex Junction's Troop 624 have achieved in the recent past:

- < Tyler Woods: Constructed several tent platforms at Indian Brook Reservoir.
- < David Granato: Constructed a press box at the girls' softball field in Essex.
- < Ben Fontaine: Constructed team benches for dugouts at Maple Street Park.
- < Chris Norcross: Organized a care package drive for deployed troops that resulted in over 75 boxes being shipped overseas to soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- < Hank Ng: Built a foot bridge on a new trail in Indian Brook to make a new area of the park accessible by traversing over a marshy area.
- < Mike Reinker: Constructed a storage shed at the community gardens on South Street to give the gardeners a secure place to store their equipment.
- < Kyle Lumbra: Removed and replaced a dangerously deteriorating retaining wall on a local walking/running trail near the Champlain Valley Exposition.
- < Adam Sherman: Constructed a concrete pad for the new pavilion at Maple Street Park.
- < Jacob Losse: Constructed a concrete pad for a pavilion at Cascade Park. Also repaired the roof for the same pavilion.
- < Bill Etter: Constructed an elaborate gazebo at Holy Family Church.
- < Josh Fontaine: Built and installed new shelving for the Respite House in Williston, which significantly improved the limited storage area in the basement.
- < Zack Farnham-Haskell: Constructed a handicapped accessible ramp at the boat launch area at Indian Brook Reservoir.

Essex Junction Troop 624 has many more scouts who are in various stages of completing community service projects. We are fortunate to have so many young men who have stepped up to the plate and accomplished so many worthy projects for the local community. It is a great organization, a great troop, and the community has a lot to be proud of with these outstanding young men. Thank you, Troop 624, for all you have done and will do for the benefit of our community!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Planning Commission - Two three-year positions, beginning July 1, 2007. For further information, contact Jeff Arango, Development Director, 878-6950 or email jeffja@essexjunction.org. Letters of interest should be sent to Patricia Benoit, Administrative Assistant, 2 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct., VT 05452 or by email to Pattv@essexjunction.org.

Important Dates for Village Residents

<u>April 4, 2007</u>	Village Community Supper, 6 PM, Essex High School Cafeteria; Village Annual Meeting, 7 PM, Essex High School Auditorium
<u>April 5, 2007</u> Lawton	Village residents vote 7 AM–7 PM, Albert D. School
<u>May 25, 2007</u>	Memorial Service and Candlelight Vigil, First Congregational Church; 8 PM
<u>May 26, 2007</u>	Memorial Day Parade, 10 AM
<u>May 31, 2007</u>	Water/sewer bills due (mailed April 26, 2007)
<u>July 21, 2007</u>	Block Party & Street Dance, Railroad Avenue, 4–9

COMMUNITY SUPPER PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING

Please join your neighbors and friends for the 4th Annual Community Supper on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 6 PM in the Essex High School cafeteria. The supper is free - but we ask that you bring a dessert to share. The lasagna supper will be prepared by the high school's culinary students as part of a community service project, and will be followed by the Village Annual Meeting in the auditorium at 7 PM. Please join us!

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