

# 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 2 & 3, 2008

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 2, 2008 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 3, 2008 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 \$2,768,954 for fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$2,086,843 of which is to be levied in taxes against the Village Grand List?

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters approve holding the 2009 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 to act upon any articles not involving voting by Australian ballot and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 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); two Village Trustees (three year term); two library Trustees (five year term); Chief Engineer Fire Department (two year term); First Assistant Engineer Fire Department (two year term) and Second Assistant Engineer Fire Department (two year term)?

Dated this 26th day of February 2008

### 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 2007 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 07 Audit Report is available on-line at [essexijunction.org](http://essexijunction.org) or for public inspection at the

## FY 09 PROPOSED BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>FY 07 Budget</b>	<b>FY 07 Actual</b>	<b>FY 08 Budget</b>	<b>FY09 Proposed Budget</b>
Unrestricted Fund Balance	0	0	0	70,000
Property Taxes	1,928,506	1,923,816	2,115,692	2,086,843
State for Pilot & Current Use	1,000	1,863	1,000	1,800
IBM Subsidy	423,844	423,844	363,300	302,755
Penalties/Interest Delinq. Taxes	4,500	5,214	5,000	5,000
License & Zoning Fees	26,250	32,479	32,500	25,000
Service Fee - Water	32,000	32,000	32,000	42,000
Service Fee - WWTP	19,500	19,500	19,500	24,500
Service Fee - Sanitation	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
State District Court Fines	2,931	2,931	2,931	5,000
State Highway Aid	90,000	98,028	95,000	98,000
EJSD Tax Collection Fee	34,104	36,940	35,824	48,499
Lincoln Hall Rentals	400	453	426	427
Miscellaneous Fire Receipts	0	20	0	30
Miscellaneous Street Receipts	4,000	7,017	4,000	6,000
Miscellaneous Library Receipts	750	611	750	600
Essex Town Contribution to Library	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Interest Earnings	7,500	21,629	10,000	15,000
Miscellaneous Grants	0	24,575	0	0
Misc. Receipts	2,000	5,420	2,000	7,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,597,285</b>	<b>2,656,340</b>	<b>2,739,923</b>	<b>2,768,954</b>

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 07 Budget</b>	<b>FY 07 Actual</b>	<b>FY 08 Budget</b>	<b>FY09 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>				
Administration	441,565	433,437	487,712	471,013
Misc Transfers & Expenditures	444,347	535,663	469,521	470,940
Fire Department	210,494	209,555	226,068	232,805
Library	558,032	555,479	582,808	585,181
Lincoln Hall	37,701	38,218	41,299	43,174
Planning Department	188,565	185,701	206,150	210,886
Economic Development	20,000	15,620	20,000	20,000
Street Department	696,581	683,226	706,365	734,955
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,597,285</b>	<b>2,656,899</b>	<b>2,739,923</b>	<b>2,768,954</b>

# WATER IS LIFE

A clean and healthy Lake Champlain is good for all of us. Here is what you can do to help keep Lake Champlain clean and healthy.

## **Pet Waste**

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria. Pick up after your pet and deposit it in the trash or flush it down a toilet.

## **Toxic Chemicals**

Many household products (like paint, cleaners and yard maintenance products) contain toxic materials. Use them as directed or dispose of them properly through the Chittenden County Solid Waste District.

## **Fertilizers**

Test soil before you fertilize. Your local garden center or UVM can help you save money and protect the environment.

## **Yard Waste**

Compost yard waste at home or take it to a CSWD drop-off center for processing.

## **Car Washing**

Wash your car on the lawn where soil microbes can treat the wash water.

## **Storm Drains**

Storm drains are for rain. *These drains flow to rivers and streams without any treatment.* Never dump or wash anything down a storm drain.

By following the simple steps outlined above, Lake Champlain will be cleaner and healthier for all. For more information, visit [www.smartwaterways.org](http://www.smartwaterways.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Planning Commission – One three-year position, beginning July 1, 2008. For further information, contact Jeff Arango, Development Director, 878-6950 or email [jeffja@essexjunction.org](mailto:jeffja@essexjunction.org). Letters of interest should be sent to David Crawford, Village Manager, 2 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct., VT 05452 or by email to [admin@essexjunction.org](mailto:admin@essexjunction.org).

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Two three-year positions, beginning July 1, 2008. For further information, contact Jeff Arango, Development Director, 878-6950, or email [jeffja@essexjunction.org](mailto:jeffja@essexjunction.org). Letters of interest should be sent to David Crawford, Village Manager, 2 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct., VT 05452 or by email to [admin@essexjunction.org](mailto:admin@essexjunction.org).

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission – One two-year position, beginning August 1,

# Important Dates for Village Residents

<u>March 17, 2008</u>	Second installment of property taxes due
<u>April 2, 2008</u>	Village Community Supper, 6 PM, Essex High School Cafeteria; Village Annual Meeting, 7 PM, Essex High School Auditorium
<u>April 3, 2008</u> Lawton	Village residents vote 7 AM–7 PM, Albert D. School
<u>May 23, 2008</u>	Memorial Service and Candlelight Vigil, First Congregational Church, 8 PM
<u>May 24, 2008</u>	Memorial Day Parade, 10 AM
<u>May 30, 2008</u>	Water/sewer bills due (mailed April 30, 2008)
<u>July 19, 2008</u>	Block Party & Street Dance, Railroad Avenue, 4–9

## **COMMUNITY SUPPER PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING**

Please join your neighbors and friends for the 5th Annual Community Supper on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 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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