

#### **Ancram Town Taxes are going down \$33,800 in 2013, about 4%.**

*"Our financial management is solid.*

*We continue to get more done with fewer dollars.*

*What's the secret? Setting priorities, spending on only what we need, cutting where we can, and investing in what will bring us all a better future."*

*-Art Bassin  
Ancram Supervisor*

#### **New Concert Band Forming**

Matt Boice, 15, announces the formation of CCDC Winds, playing concert band music and classic songs.



Wanted: Experienced musicians, all ages & instruments, especially alto range, to join current nine members. Contact Matt at boicematt@yahoo.com

#### **New Ancram Zoning Nearly Complete**

The Town Board has just adopted Package 3 of our zoning changes and will address the 4th and final package by year end.

Revising zoning to make it comply to our Comp Plan has been the job of the Zoning Revisions Committee, 13 residents and your neighbors. Hugh Clark, TB member, chairs the ZRC.

The ZRC has met weekly for the past 2 1/2 years, all meetings open to the public. Thanks from all of us to Hugh and the entire committee for their dedication!

#### **Tag Sale & Bazaar ~ Coming Fall 2013 !!!**

"We are getting started early to give all the talented people in our area plenty of time to get on board - showing their wares, making money and having fun!" say Lynne Perrella & Jane Shannon, event organizers.

Lynne & Jane are looking for people to create items to sell, either independently or working with patterns that celebrate the red-and-white colors of the historic Mary Moon Rockefeller quilt, on display at the Ancram Town Hall.



Sew, knit, crochet?...or work with wood, metal, fibers, paper?...Create handcrafts or unique items for sale? Join in and make some money for yourself

or your favorite charity at the 2013 Ancram Tag Sale & Bazaar.

Interested? Contact Lynne at LKPerrella@AOL.com or 398-5108, or Jane at janeshannon@fairpoint.net, 329-0123.

*An Ancram Revitalization Event*

#### **CodeRED System for Emergency Notification is operating**

The county's new reverse 911 system started this September. You're already receiving recorded announcements if your phone number is listed.

This new system provides community alerts for emergencies, weather warnings, missing children, etc.

County officials were stimulated to install this new system when they learned with the August fire at TCI Recycling plant in Ghent that they had no way to notify citizens of evacuation plans.

To personalize how you receive messages, go to [www.columbiacountyny.com](http://www.columbiacountyny.com) and click on CodeRED.

**"Our School Supply Drive was the best ever!"** says Adrienne Citrin, head of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. "With contributions of almost \$3000 (money and supplies), we are supporting six Ancram children for the whole year!" Extra supplies donated are being split between Taconic Hills, Pine Plains and Webutuck to support other students in need.

In addition to the School Supplies Program, "Neighbors" is active throughout the year:

- Emergency help for shelter, clothing and fuel assistance
- Food certificates throughout the year for 6 families, support local food pantry
- "Adopt" 4 families at holiday time providing clothing and toys
- Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets & Backpack Weekend Food program
- Scholarships for the Ancram Kids' Camp
- Advocate to connect Ancram residents to county, state, and federal assistance programs

To learn more about these programs, or to volunteer, call Adrienne Citrin 329-5042. Email: [ANHNAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ANHNAinfo@gmail.com) 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, donations are tax-deductable.



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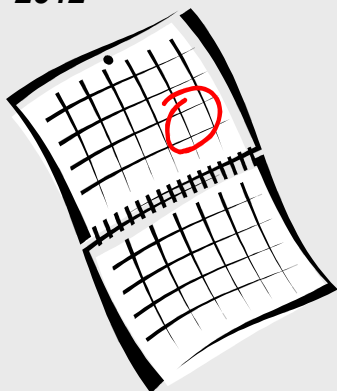
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[airjazz@taconic.net](mailto:airjazz@taconic.net)

## Community Calendar

November-December  
2012



Around 70 came  
last year to the  
first Neighbors  
Helping  
Neighbors Com-  
munity Potluck.

There was some-  
thing for all ages,  
even a bit of  
dancing to  
Ancram's own  
Bash Bish Blue-  
grass Band!

All are welcome  
again to this  
year's event—  
the Highway Ga-  
rage is a great  
place for a party!

For fun, not for  
funds! No cost,  
just bring a dish  
to share! Nov. 3,  
6 pm.

Mike Citrin photos

- Oct 27 Sat Annual Turkey Dinner**, St. John's Church, Ancram. Seatings 5 and 6:30 pm. \$12 per person. Take out orders available.
- Oct 27 Sat Annual Halloween Party** at Fellowship Hall, Ancramdale, 7pm. \$1.00 12 and under \$1.50 adults. Costume contests, prizes, games and refreshments.
- Nov 3 Sat Neighbors Helping Neighbors' Community Potluck**, Town Garage, 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, & canned food for the pantry, if you like. Kids' activities. Music.
- Nov 6 Tue Vote Election Day**, state and national, 6 am to 9pm
- Nov 10 Sat Ancramdale Church Roast Beef Supper**, 5:30, \$13, take-out upon request. Please reserve.
- Nov 13 Tue Fire Commissioners' meeting @ Firehouse**. Public presentation of plans for firehouse addition, 7 pm. Those interested in running for the Board of the Fire District should submit their names by this meeting.
- Nov 15 Thu Town Board Meeting** at Town Hall, 7 pm. 2013 Budget decision.
- Nov 27 Tue Vote—Referendum on Fire District borrowing for firehouse addition**. All registered voters. Firehouse 6-9 pm.
- Dec 8 Sat Ancram Angels Holiday Party**, Town Hall, 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome! Please bring a dish for the buffet. Raffle proceeds donated to Community Rescue Squad.
- Dec 11 Tue Election of Ancram Fire Commissioner**, fills expiring term of Perry Miller. Candidates declare by Nov 13. All registered voters. Firehouse, 6-9pm.