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Highway Department Monthly Report:

During the last month we have continued to clean debris from the ditches on our gravel roads. Once the ditches are opened we grade and spread gravel as needed. The last step in the annual process is to apply liquid calcium for dust control.

Roads that have been completed include:

*Wanzell
Camphill
Tompkins
Connely
Freuh
Findance
Cambridge
Leroy
Spring
Van de Carr
The Bird rd's (Oriole/Pheasant/Blue Bird/Robin)
Sky Top
Magley
Twin Bridge Ext.*

We have completed one of our biggest road projects of the construction season with the grinding and recycling of Snyder Pond rd. This process includes grinding the old road surface into small pieces and mixing liquid asphalt to rebind the old material. Then the recycler returns the material to the road bed to be rolled into a new driving surface. The process is completed with a double coat of oil and stone; the first layer has been applied with the second planned for later in the summer.

The entire crew performed the annual OSHA training hosted by the Columbia County Highway Department.

At the request of the Town Board we trimmed trees, mowed and top soiled portions of the pond property behind the Municipal Parking Lot.

Each year we sandblast and paint our snow plow equipment as needed to extend their life span.

We have started mowing the grass along the roads. This will continue until the fall.

We worked one day with a contractor grinding stumps. In addition to the stumps that we removed from the

road sides we ground a large maple stump on the Roe Jan Historical property.

On May 21st we held our annual Copake Clean up day. We collected 19 ten wheeler loads of trash weighing a total of 39.78 tons. All this rubbish was disposed of at Carmen Barbato, Inc. at \$98.00 per ton. Additionally we collected several hundred tires that we still need to dispose of.



For the first time ever we sorted out used electronics during cleanup day. We saved six and a half pallets of TV's, computers, printers etc from ending up in a landfill. These electronics will be recycled through the Columbia County Solid Waste Department



The line of vehicles' waiting to dispose to unwanted items during Clean up Day.

After failed pressure tests on our underground gasoline and diesel fuel tanks DEC required that we immediately remove the fuel. Following their recommendation we had the tanks excavated as soon as it was possible to minimize the possibility of any soil contamination. This excavation was done under the supervision of a hired environmental specialist and the regional DEC officer. There was absolutely no indication that the double walled tanks leaked into the surrounding ground.

Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided included:

Copake Fire Company:

4 hours performing brake repairs

8 hours installing water source signs

Crarville Fire Company:

6 hours repairing malfunctioning emergency lights

Community Rescue Squad:

3 hours servicing an ambulance

Copake PD:

2.5 hours making brake repairs

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6 hours changing brake lines and servicing the town car

Hang the flags around the hamlet before Memorial Day and take down after.

Hang the Hamlet Banners

Install a new muffler on the park generator

Move the pews from the Historical Museum to storage in West Copake

Uncover the septic tank at the Town Hall for pumping

Inter-municipal Cooperation included:

Town of Hillsdale

They assisted us hauling stone for road sealing

They provided a truck, man and sweeper to assist us in sweeping operations

We sent our excavator to assist them with storm clean up