

# ***Town of Copake Highway Department***

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## ***Monthly Report November 2012***

***This past month we have continued cleaning leaves from drainage ditches and culverts along our roads. This operation is accomplished with two men in a truck with a large leaf vacuum mounted on the front. The vacuum was originally designed as a tow behind. When used as a tow behind, the leaf removal operation required as many as four employees, a driver and three behind the truck. Because a front mounted unit was not available this machine was purchased and redesigned within our department.***



***Mounted on the front of the truck it increases efficiency by requiring only two employees. Safety is also improved as the controls are within the cab; no employees are needed outside of the truck. Working in conjunction with the truck vacuum is a tractor with a PTO driven blower. This blower was originally a silo loader. The fabrication required to modify it into a blower was also done by our employees.***

***We erected snow fence on Birch Hill, Cambridge, Snyder Pond and Connelly roads***

***Cleaned debris from ditches with the grader on Valley View, Weed Mine, Sunset Rock and Cambridge roads***

***Replaced culvert pipes on Wanzell and High Valley roads; also on the garage property***

***Worked with Environmental and Fueling System, LLC to finish installing the fuel monitoring system***

***Constructed additional shelving for parts storage from surplus lumber***

***Our department spent several days decorating the town properties for the Holidays. We put up the lights at the Town Hall, inside and outside at the Park and at Folgers Triangle.***

*Other Inter-department assistance that the Highway Department provided included:*

*Town*

*Put up and took down the American Flags around the hamlet for Veterans Day*

*Copake Town Park*

*Repaired the message sign at the Park entrance*

*Vacuumed leaves from around the perimeter fence and dug outs*

*Copake Fire Company*

*Replaced a wheel bearing on the Tahoe*

*Repaired anti-freeze leak on 14-4*

*Inter-municipal Cooperation included:*

*Town of Ancram*

*Cut and welded on one of Ancram's plow trucks for three days in our welding shop*

*They provided us with assistance with one truck and employee replacing culverts one day*

*They sent two trucks and employees to haul gravel from Hudson to our stockpile for two days*

*Town of Hillsdale*

*They provided us with assistance with one truck and employee replacing culverts one day*

*Community Rescue Squad*

*Replaced the alternator on 303*