

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

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***Our main emphasis this past month has been paving with our drag box. This is a process where we can repair damaged shoulders or large patches in a smooth and even application. The drag box can distribute the asphalt from ¼ inch to 5 inches in depth depending on the need. Although the box is limited in width, four feet, with practice our crew has been able to cover much wider sections.***

***The roads we have repaired in the last month and tonnage are:***

***Overlook Road using 114 tons.***

***Twin Bridges Road using 84 tons.***

***Weed Mine Road using 33 tons.***

***Snyder Pond using 130 tons.***

***Empire Road using 7 tons.***

***The Municipal Parking lot using 8 tons.***

***In cooperation with the County Highway Department, and following the resolution passed last month by our Town Board, we closed one end of Cambridge Road. This closure involved installing a culvert pipe, installing a gate, spreading topsoil and seeding, building a turn around and redirecting a run off. Both the County and the residents on the road expressed appreciation for the work done.***

***We have nearly completed hauling the 1200 tons of stone we will use next month to oil and stone.***

***One man has been dedicated to mowing along the roads.***

***We have replaced culverts on both Oriole and Sky Top Roads.***



***All of our wing plows have been sandblasted and painted in preparation for the summer program kids to decorate and display at the park.***

*One day was spent on emergency tree removal with Haupt Tree service and one day on signs.*

*After the steel collected on Clean Up Day was removed, we picked up all the debris and graded that area. In the future I want to collect the scrap in large containers instead of accumulating it in an unsightly pile.*

*Another annual event that we participate in is Community Day. Prior to that Saturday, we load, transport and assemble the stage. We also measure out and line the parking areas and erect the barricade fencing at the park entrance. After the event, we disassemble and store the stage at the Highway Garage. We also pick up and return the Gator used by event coordinators. The flags around the Hamlet are hung by our department.*



*In addition to Community Day some of the work we did to assist other departments was:*

*Community Rescue*

*10 hours for front and rear brakes, and exhaust repairs on 303.*

*Copake Fire Company*

*2 hours installing flashlights in 14-2.*

*2 hours installing flashlights in 14-6.*

*5 hours replacing coolant hoses on 41-1.*

*This summer we are trying out working four ten hour days. Although we are only in the second week I can attest that it does increase production. By condensing the work week to four days it eliminates a lot of the travel and setup time on a job site. An example of this increased production is that in the past we have averaged 4 loads of blacktop per day; last week we averaged 6 loads.*

*Several weeks ago I contacted the State Comptroller's office inquiring about financial records for all the Highway Departments in the county. I have received records detailing budgets for the years 2004-2009. I have begun reviewing this data and look forward to discussing it with the board.*

*Along the same lines I would like to express my thanks to Linda Gabaccia for her role as Highway Liaison. We have met on two different occasions; both in private and with the Highway Crew. I feel that both of these meetings were very productive and look forward to working with her in the future.*

*I am requesting that my monthly reports be posted on the town website and would like to assure everyone that I am always available to discuss any highway related issues.*

