

**Many things were happening in New Kingstown this past year. Some of our accomplishments for the year of 2011 were:**

**Adopt a Highway:** We continue to clean up the stretch of road from ABF to Shaffer Trucking twice a year. NO rain this clean –up (or wind) made it much more pleasant. We are making a difference in the village and surrounding areas.

**Sausatoes:** We attended the Willow Mill Park Festival, which was moved to New Kingstown Fire Company; this was a great success. The weather was so cold and rainy but great for sales. People wanted food to warm them up. What could be better than a baked potato with sausage in the middle, topped with sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, bacon bits and chives. If you haven't tried one yet, see us in 2012 at the festival. We were able to raise over \$250.00 dollars which we donated to the Veterans Memorial Fund. If you haven't visited the memorial at Willow Mill Park, or donated to that fund, please do so; it's a great cause.

**Tree Vitalization Project:** We were able to purchase 30 trees through this project that was made available to us through Silver Spring Township. A big thanks to the township, Jeff Williams and his staff for all their help in our first step in our streetscape; we could not have done this without them. We ran into many obstacles with this project but Jeff put many hours into this project and pushed through them all and now we have 30 beautiful trees in the village. Of course, we also have many others to thank: Donald Deckman, owner of Mountainview Nursery, was the low bidder for this project. He and his employees did a great job in planting the 23 Crab Apple trees by Shaffer Trucking. Thanks go to Shaffer Trucking and J.R. Zeigler for making sure that the trees were planted in places that would not cause any problems with the trucks and traffic on Main Street. We also want to thank Merle Crumlich and Trinity United Methodist Church for mulching and staking the Sgt. Cherry trees along the church property. As you enter the west end of the village from Route 11 there are four Thornless Honey Locust that complete the project - for now. We are so excited to finally have the trees in the ground. We cannot wait to see how beautiful they will be in spring. We would like to continue to participate in this program and are trying to raise funds to purchase more trees for the future. If anyone is interested in having trees planted in their right of way (they cannot be planted on private property) or contributing to this cause, please contact us at [newkingstownvision@gmail.com](mailto:newkingstownvision@gmail.com). We can purchase \$4500.00 worth of trees for about \$1500.00.

**New Kingstown Streetscape Project:** We have received \$75,000 towards the intersection at Main Street and Locust Point Road. This project will be started sometime in 2012. We are very thankful for Ed LeClear with the Redevelopment Office for helping to make this project possible.

**Blighted Properties:** We are working with Eric Krohn who is with Cumberland Valley Non-Profit Housing Corporation. This group purchases properties that "need a lot of love" and make it a property that someone would love to move to.

**Future of the Village of New Kingstown:** As many of you know, we have fought throughout the entire year in regard to the 132 acres of farmland behind the village. We stomped the streets getting the word out, collected over 600 signatures, attended numerous meetings and sent or emailed many letters. We want to thank Silver Spring Township, AGAIN, for their help in this 'fight'. They (Cumberland County) were considering changing the zoning from agriculture to industrial for their future comprehensive planning. Silver Spring Township has the land marked for agricultural use, and ideally the county and the township should be 'in sync'. In the end, the Cumberland County Commissioners voted to keep the land zoned agriculture on the future land use map. Thank you so much to ALL the Commissioners for agreeing to keep that land zoned agriculture.

Remember....NO FARMS....NO FOOD!!!!

**Thanks:** To the New Kingstown Fire Company for all their support of New Kingstown Vision. They continue to allow us to have our meetings there every month and they are willing to offer suggestions and ideas that help us out. We are very fortunate to have a great bunch of guys and gals behind us and helping us in numerous ways.

If you are interested in joining New Kingstown Vision, please come to our meetings which are held at the New Kingstown Fire Company on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm or contact us at [newkingstownvision@gmail.com](mailto:newkingstownvision@gmail.com).

We want to continue to make New Kingstown a beautiful little village so people will want to move here and raise their families.

WE WANT TO WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND A WONDERFUL TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
WE ALL HAVE MANY THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR.