

# Big Bowman Community Chats

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## 2020: Reflections of this place we call home...

By Rachel Cahill

I had some reflections of our Beloved Big Bowman Lake community and wondered if you could share it on the next community newsletter... Maybe others would like to share their reflections of this past year?

Who lives in a place where the old man gives out cookies to children and dog treats to the neighborhood dogs even though he does not own one?

Who lives in a place where your neighbors keep up their swing-set for the neighborhood children even though they don't have local grand children to share it with?

Who lives in a place where Five compounds of three generation families live?

When our beloved social leader in the community passes all to soon we come together to share the moments of his life and remember and honor him with song

A neighbor celebrates his wedding anniversary yearly by sharing a fire-works show for all to enjoy

A place where, when local libraries closed, a couple opened up a community library complete with lollipops to share with others.

A place where a little elf hangs up Christmas wreaths around the lake road  
I'm proud to call this place home....

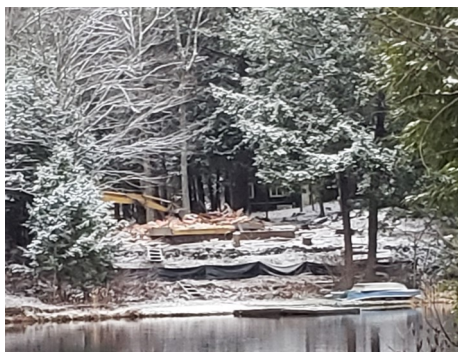
## Big B's newest building project takes shape

Rovie and Vicky Simons worked hard since last spring, and beyond, to prepare for the demolition of the old and the building of the new. December brought both circumstances to Big Bowman. Noting the great interest expressed by many about their project, Rovie asked that the curious maintain a

safe distance from the construction and that parents keep a close eye on the many naturally-curious kids in our neighborhood. *Winter Storm Gail* did not help when she dumped a couple feet of snow from evening Dec 16 to afternoon Dec 17.i



Now you see it ... now you don't. (Photos by Anja)



And the *refresh* begins. (Photo by John Losee)





122 acres under contract

## ***RPA proposes nature preserve by Big Bowman***

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA, [rensselaerplateau.org](http://rensselaerplateau.org)) has a contract with Rolland LeBarron to purchase 122 acres and establish a nature preserve across Taborton Road from Big Bowman. RPA proposes to construct and maintain hiking trails, parking and bathroom facilities on the land whose entrance would most likely be in the area where loggers worked the past few years, across from the Hoffman right of way down to Big Bowman.

Several members of our Big Bowman community joined an RPA zoom presentation and discussion of the proposal led by RPA's Jim Bonesteel, executive director, and Fred DeMay, president. Potential vehicular traffic, sanitary conditions and trespassing — along with other environmental issues — filled much of the meeting.

Keep an ear out for more discussions about the proposal and possible informational hikes led by RPA members. RPA is associated with several nature preserves, hiking and educational programs within easy reach of Taborton; RPA's website has full details.



**Looking into the lot from the road, remnants of the recent logging operations remain visible.**



**Several trails, replete with logs, mud and rocks, are visible from the road.**



**Looking down the mountain from the entrance**



**Looking across toward Big Bowman**



**Looking up the mountain from the entrance**



## Calendar

Contact BLA President Mark Nasuti if you want to propose any BLA events.

Email Anja at [BigBowmanCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:BigBowmanCommunity@gmail.com) if you have any other community events to add to our area calendar..

Date	Time	Location / Hosts	Event
December 24	7 p.m.	Zion's UCC In person or by Facebook live	Christmas Eve service (Sunday services are also both in-person and on Facebook)
June 19, 2021	5 p.m.	Tbd	Membership meeting
July 31, 2021	1 p.m.	tbd	Regatta, Rachel Cahill chair
Aug 01, 2021	5 p.m.	tbd	Annual membership meeting & election
Aug 07, 2021	All day	Zion's UCC	Church Fair

## Transitions

- **Zion's UCC** calendar, events, fund-raisers (check out the handmade decorations), etc.: at [tabortonzion.org](http://tabortonzion.org).
- **Justin Adamo Home Repair and Carpentry** added snow blowing to his jobs catalog. Give him a call or text at 518-487-9578.
- **Rob Beaulieu** presented a lovely holiday concert last weekend on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rob.beaulieu.39/videos/10225370299342115>

## Who has the Memorial Book?

John Losee still has no idea of the whereabouts of the Memorial book he started for the Association oh so long ago.

When he was BA president more than a decade ago, John began a Memorial Book for those Big Bowman residents who passed away. He believes he passed it along to the secretary or someone else, and he's wondering who has it now? He asks anyone with information on its location to give him a shout via email at [JALosee@yahoo.com](mailto:JALosee@yahoo.com).



The Dam, Dec 19, 2020. (Photo by John Losee)



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HEALTHY HAPPY  
2021 TO ALL!







**Big Bowman is  
ready — Are you?**





