

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

This year, many fellow community members experienced changes and challenges in their lives due to the declining economy. The Clerks Office is no different. The big SUV's and pickups so popular not so long ago, are being replaced with smaller, more economical vehicles. Brand new vehicles, which generate greater revenue, are being replaced with "new-used" vehicles that generate less revenue. Residents are also keeping their vehicles a little longer than what they have done in the past. Although this past year was very bleak on the economical front, revenue totals and transaction totals for the Clerk's Office, did not spiral significantly downward. The grand total reflects a decrease of \$56,118.66 in revenue from the previous year. However, it is important to note that over 50% of this number is due to a relocation of one Fremont company. In 2009, we saw a decrease of 187 motor vehicle transactions. Again, it is important to point out that 180 of these transactions are again due to the relocation of one Fremont company. As you review the Clerk's financial report, many categories of services saw an increase in the total number of transactions processed.

On July 1, the E-Reg program was implemented. This new online program allows Fremont residents to renew vehicle registrations without leaving the comfort of their home. Automobile registrations are available on-line 24/7. This program also gives quotes on new vehicles or transfers. The "mail-in" service still proves to be a valuable and useful tool for residents. During these economic times, residents appreciate receiving the renewal notice as it gives them a "heads up" as to the cost of their vehicle renewals.

After several months of working closely with our E-Reg software company, I'm pleased to announce that renewing your dogs' license became an option on December 28th. This new program is called E-Dog. We encourage you to check out this exciting new service and hope this new program will make licensing your dog(s) easy and more convenient. Licensing by mail is also still an option. Please check the monthly newsletter for all the details.

Reminder: All dog owners must license your dog(s) by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. (As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30<sup>th</sup>). By registering in a timely manner, you prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month per dog. You also prevent the initiation of a civil forfeiture fee of \$25.00 per dog. If you no longer have a dog(s), we ask that you please contact the office so your name can be removed from the list and you will not be assessed late fees and civil forfeiture fees. For your convenience, dog license(s) can be mailed directly to your home for a nominal additional fee of \$1.00 per dog or through E-Dog.

In an effort to become and remain proficient in our daily performance and functions, we must attend training classes and certification classes throughout the year. These classes allow us to keep current with the emerging knowledge relevant to the duties of the office. We thank you for your patience and understanding when the office has been closed in order for us to attend these important classes.

The Newsletter and the Town website are both useful and valuable tools to provide you with the most up to date information regarding any of the services this office provides. We encourage you to utilize these tools to assist you with any questions you may have regarding the services this office provides.

As a reminder, both Kathy and I are Notaries. There is always one of us in the office to assist you with any Notary needs.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to my Deputy, Kathy, for all her hard work and dedication throughout the year. It is a pleasure working with all town employees and town departments with whom this office has contact. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to you, the residents of Fremont. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve you. Your continued support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

As always, you are encouraged to call the office at 895 8693 with any questions or concerns you may have before making a trip to the office. Calling ahead will help ensure that you have all the necessary documentation needed to allow us to serve you more efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lori A. Holmes".

Lori A. Holmes  
Town Clerk

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary May 2, 2000

Excerpt from Memorandum on the White House Program for the National Moment  
of Remembrance From President William J Clinton

As Memorial Day approaches, it is time to pause and consider the true meaning of this holiday. Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day.

In this time of unprecedented success and prosperity throughout our land, I ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal "National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day. This memorial observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms.

Accordingly, I hereby direct all executive departments and agencies, in consultation with the White House Program for the National Moment of Remembrance (Program), to promote a "National Moment of Remembrance" to occur at 3 pm (local time) on each Memorial Day.