## Quiz and Advice from Your Highway Department

- 1. Do you improperly pile yard waste, grass and tree branches, on your property or your neighbors' property?
- 2. Does your property include a stream that is being narrowed by dumping?
- 3. Is the stream on your property being maintained, removal of trees, cattails, etc., to eliminate flow restriction?
- 4. Are you storing cut wood on your property that has the potential to be washed away in a storm that could restrict a catch basin or drainage pipe?
- 5. Does your property end at a ravine that you or your neighbors use as a dumping site?

If the answer to these questions is "Yes" you could be contributing to the flooding that occurs during rainstorms.

Each citizen has a stewardship toward maintaining their property and insuring that yard waste is placed at the curb for town recycling.

It is important that we all do our part to introduce rain water back to the soil. Semi-annual plugging/aeration of your lawns will help very much to let rain/storm water penetrate the clay/soil we have here in North Castle.

Please do your part toward helping us with this very important topic. Remember your participation could avoid the flooding of one or many North Castle properties.

## Safety Reminders

<u>REMEMBER</u> - DO NOT follow town trucks too closely. Keep a safe distance behind any large vehicle. If you cannot see their side mirrors, they cannot see you.

FALL - DO NOT place leaves in the roadway, they should be put in biodegradable bags not weighing more then 40lbs.

<u>WINTER</u> - When the winter season approaches it is important that residents remember to follow rules when snow arrives and remember to check your mailboxes for rotted post.

<u>DO NOT</u> plow snow in the road or across it. Keep it on your property and in an area that does not obstruct your view or that of drivers on the roadway. If you hire someone to plow for you, please be sure that they are aware of and follow these rules.

<u>PARENTS</u> please keep the children from tunneling into snow banks created by the plows. Children in tunnels create the potential for a tragic accident by either the collapse of the tunnel or being struck by the snowplow as it continues to keep the roads wide enough for two way traffic. These tunnels are difficult to see from the driver's position. (Also be advised that sporting devices, such as basketball hoops and hockey nets located in the right of way, normally 24' to 30' from the road centerline, are considered as obstructions and therefore illegal.

All street light outages in the Town of North Castle should be reported to Jamie Norris at 273-3599

