

## **Recreation Center Improvements**

When the New Hartford Recreation Center opens for the 2008/2009-ice season it will have gone through many changes, as a result of the towns energy saving program. Over the summer, the center had new energy efficient lights and motion detectors installed, which will result in a yearly savings of \$14,000, while doubling the building lighting output. Along with the lighting, the facing of the buildings dasher boards were replaced, and the heating system is also planned to be replaced, to achieve even greater energy efficiency. An energy rebate of \$6,500 from New York State is also being utilized to defray project costs. Other projects include replacement of the building de-superheater, replacing the side outdoor walkway and the installation of a new outdoor marquee board. The energy savings will fund the total project cost of \$105,000 after rebate, over a six-year period, after which the town will continue to enjoy the energy costs savings.

A donation of two new scoreboards by the New Hartford Youth Hockey Association to replace the aging 1983 and 1985 scoreboards will greatly enhance the spectators use of the facility. Recreation center crews are busy painting the interior to put the finishing touches on the indoor phase of the capital project.

The facility opens for the regular ice season on September 29<sup>th</sup>. A complete schedule for the facility, and other town recreation programs are available at [newhartfordrec.com](http://newhartfordrec.com) or by calling 724-0600.