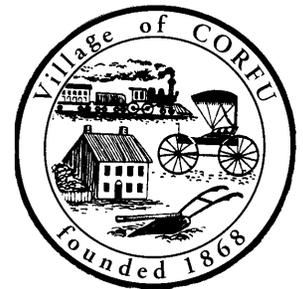


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**Fall 2011**

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY --- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY --- 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL NOW BE CLOSED 12 NOON – 1:00 PM EVERY DAY.**

Village Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Public is welcome to attend.

HALLOWEEN HOURS

The Village Board has set hours for Halloween Tricks & Treats between ~~6:00~~ **and 8:00 pm** on Monday, October 31, 2011.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**WINTERFEST IS COMING ON JANUARY 28, 2012!**

This year the event will kick off the Town of Pembroke Bicentennial. The Village Historian will have a display about Corfu's history as well as information and a display on Boulder Park. We are planning on a lot of entertainment for young and old alike. If you would like to be a part of planning this fun event, be sure to **join the committee**. Our next committee meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Village Offices. For more information or if you have any ideas for our celebration, contact the Village Office. Notices with more detail will be posted closer to the date.

One new feature suggested for Winterfest this year is to have a Citizen Of The Year Award. Residents can submit nominees with a letter telling what the nominee has done for the community and why they feel that person should get the award. We welcome your input to the idea and if you have a nominee, you can send the information to the Village Office. Information should be received by December 30<sup>th</sup> before the January Committee meeting.

See the last page for flyer. More things are being added and confirmed all the time.

NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE

In this issue of the Newsletter we are including a sample "Community Page" on which we would like to feature upcoming Community events of local organizations such as the Library, churches, schools, fire department, grange, scouts, etc. This is your Village and we are often unaware of all our Village has to offer. We also thought we could include local business updates. We would like your input and feedback on what you would like to see included. We will also need contacts from the area organizations so we can keep up to date. Please contact the Village Office with information and ideas.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COURT STAFF

The Village would like to welcome Pamela Yasses and Tom Ingram, our new Court Clerks. Here's a little info on each.

**From Pam Yasses:** Hello! I'd like to take a moment to extend a warm greeting to the Village Residents. My name is Pam Yasses, and I will be serving as the new Chief Court Clerk in the Corfu Village Court. This position was graciously extended to me, and I look forward to fulfilling the needs of the community and those who may be passing through.

I have been an Oakfield-Alabama resident all my life, and currently reside there with my husband and two boys. We are a very active family, involved in a broad range of activities. I am certain that you will have the opportunity to meet us at sporting events, church, or upcoming local community events!

I would like to pass along the following tidbits about the Court:

- Office Hours: M-F 9am-4pm
- Court Sessions: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:00pm
- Court Phone: 585-599-3380
- You can check out the Village of Corfu website at *corfuny.com* for further information regarding the Court.

**From Tom Ingram:**

Hi all. Let me introduce myself, I'm Tom Ingram and I am the new part-time Deputy Court Clerk. As many of you may know, I am a life long resident of the Village of Corfu. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Paula, for 25 years. I am a graduate of SUNY College at Brockport, with my BS degree in Business Administration. We have two daughters. Our oldest daughter, Amanda, is a chef and our youngest daughter, Ashley, is attending SUNY College at Brockport, while managing a Subway restaurant. I look forward to the new adventures and challenges with this new job.

MAYOR & TRUSTEE NEWS

**From Mayor Todd Skeet:**

Hope you had a nice summer. Fall is here and winter is fast approaching. One good thing about winter is our annual Winterfest. Be sure to join us.

Our Drainage project is finally complete, final payments have been made, just final reports still in the works. We hope all issues were addressed to everyone's satisfaction. Our attention is now focused on the Sewer grant which will be used for upgrading our Sewer Plant for the sewer line from the Thruway to our Corfu plant that the Town of Pembroke will be installing through a grant they received. Our efforts are to reduce sewer costs to Village residents through adding more users.

**Maintenance:** Our guys have been very busy with ditch cleaning, striping sidewalks, doing some modifications at the sewer plant, getting the new shop ready for winter and leaf pickup time is here. Please keep sticks and branches out of the leaf piles. It slows the guys down and jams the machine. This is a courtesy service and they will be trying to pick up whenever they can between other jobs so please be patient. We also will be seeing some work being done on the railings on the underpass this year.

**Police:** Concert season is over and Darien Lake is closed for the season. We think we got through it pretty good this year. Many thanks to our Officers. You will see our police staff cutting back some on hours for the winter months.

**Office:** At this time we are waiting for an audit report on the Village Court System to come through from the State Comptrollers Office, which should hopefully be finalized in the next couple of weeks. Our required audit for the Drainage Grant has just started and is keeping Sandy and Denise busy. I foresee no problem with that particular audit. Just a note, these audits have no connection to the Fire District Audit. As soon as our audits become public, we will let you all be aware of the outcomes. Actually we like audits because it makes us that much better and more efficient.

We would like to welcome our new Court Clerks, Pam Yasses and Tom Ingram. Judge Alexander felt the need to have a full-time and part-time clerk.

Note the Halloween hours above. Please be careful and keep an eye on the young ones to keep them safe. If you spot any mischief going on, please call 911. We will have officers on duty that evening.

Have a happy fall and winter. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

**From Trustee Dave Bielec:**

Summer has gone by quickly. The leaves are turning colors and falling. The Village will start leaf pick-up within a few weeks. Please put them on the roadside of the sidewalk, without blocking the sidewalk. We will start replacing the railing under the underpass on 77 this month. The worst part will be done now and the remaining next year. Trick & Treating will be on Monday, October 31st, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The "Winter Fest" will be held on Saturday, January 28th, 2012. Anyone wishing to help or wanting to have a "Booth", please contact Sandy at the Village office. Thank you and have a good "Fall" season.

### **From Trustee Al Graham:**

Hey Folks! Well, we are finishing up on a few spots here and there on the Storm Drainage grant. We have a couple trees to replace and a little topsoil to do but the bottom line is the water is leaving the Village a lot better than it was. I would like to thank Mike and Jesse for working at getting the trouble spots taken care of and Sandy for keeping the mountain of paperwork moving. Thanks to all you residents for giving us the time to get it done.

We will be starting on the underpass handrail replacement in the next few weeks so be careful if you have to travel through there. It's a dangerous place for the crew doing the work and we want everyone to stay safe.

Brad Lang and I made a couple trips out to the Bergen Sewer Plant recently because they just installed a membrane system similar to the one we are getting for our plant through the new Sewer grant. The first time we met with the engineer and salesman we spent two hours getting sold on the place. When we got in the car to leave we looked at each other and agreed that these two guys are living with unicorns and rainbows! So a week or so later I called the operator (who happened to be on vacation the first time we went) and we made another trip out to see him. Over the years I've found that operators, better yet older operators, will tell you like it is. We were able to find out what is great about the system, but more important we found out the downside so we can head off the problems they had before and during the construction stage. Our engineers are shooting for sometime in November to put the project out to bid.

The State Comptroller's audit of the Court should be finalized in the next few weeks and I will be doing a motion to the Board to have a public meeting to discuss the results. Speaking of the court, I would like to welcome Pam Yasses as our new Court Clerk and Tom Ingram as our new part-time Court Clerk.

I would also like to thank Norm Waff. Norm and I have been working on a grant from National Grid to replace all the lighting at the Sewer Plant Compound and it looks like they will be giving us a pretty good chunk to help pay for it. Now let me tell ya, one night about a month and a half ago at about 9:30 pm I literally had one foot in the shower when Debbie came to the door and said someone's on the phone for me. I said "who is it, I have a foot in the shower". She said "I don't know but he needs to talk to you". Me: "What the heck! OK, OK! Give me the phone." The voice on the phone was Norm. Norm: "Hey, could you come down to the plant?" Me: "Norm, I got a foot in the shower." Norm: "I really would like you to come down." Me: "Can it wait for another day?" Norm (with a sad voice): "Well, I got hold of some sample lights and got them on the poles and hung them on the shop and want you to see them. Me (to myself): "Ugh!" Me (to Norm): "Okay I'll be down in a few minutes." I was glad I did. Not only did I see the improvement the new lights will make, but I saw the hard work Norm and the boys did just so I could see the results. Thanks guys!

The boys will be picking up leaves soon, so don't forget NO Trash or dog pooh added to your piles please. Have a nice fall and if ya need me, call me.

### **From Trustee Ken Lauer:**

One of the strengths of a small village like Corfu for long-time residents is that you can know what is going on in the Village and Town. But how much do we really know? I have lived in the village since 1992, and it took me years to realize that a business in the area took up the slack from when our local hardware store closed. Instead of driving 20 minutes to Batavia, Clarence, or Alden, I now just walk over to J&L Feed and Farm Supply on Maple Ave. and am able to buy the hardware, window glass, and other items I need. Combined with Potter Lumber, there is little need for me to ever go outside the village for building and home maintenance supplies. These two businesses are a great time and energy saver! The staff in both businesses is extremely helpful. Plus, with the price of gas added in, any bargains you get at the "big box" stores are minimal. These are just two of the great businesses that make our village more livable. So the next time you think you need to make a trip to go shopping, think about supporting a local business and save the time and gas money you would have spent to go somewhere else while also supporting our local economy.

Community events are also easy to overlook in our Village. The Corfu Grange, Corfu Free Library, Pembroke Intermediate School, St Francis of Assisi Church, Corfu Fire Dept. and Corfu United Presbyterian Church all offer a host of activities and events that enrich life in the village. Some of my favorites are the Grange's pork dinners, the Library's Wednesday morning story hour, the hungry bear breakfasts at the Presbyterian Church, and the Intermediate School's annual Choraliers holiday concert led by Mr. Clark. What are some of your favorites? To help us all share in the village's events, the Corfu village offices and officials are happy to provide more support to our local businesses and organizations via the Village's quarterly newsletter. As time passes, we will also try to help in other ways, so if you have any ideas please let us know. We feel that the more successful our local businesses and organizations are, the better the quality of life will be in the village.

One exciting item to mark on your calendar is on January 28, 2012. The annual Pembroke/Corfu Community Winterfest will be held on that date and, as usual, a rich array of entertainment and not-for-profit vendors is being arranged. Favorites such as the Corfu Free Library Chicken BBQ, Boy Scouts, Fire Dept. demonstrations, skating rink, snow hill, Craig Wilkins, and PYA gift basket raffle will be there, along with some new activities we think will make your head bob!

If you'd like to do more than just enjoy the event as a participant, you can be part of the planning/event team or sign-up to be a not-for-profit vendor along with your organization. For more information on how to get involved, contact Sandy at the Village office.

### LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP

Scheduled pickup for leaves and brush will be on Mondays, Fridays and as work schedule and weather allow through the season. Please make sure there is no animal waste in the leaves. **Please keep brush and branches separate from leaves**, as the branches will plug the leaf vacuum. Brush and branches should be in manageable lengths not longer than 4 feet. If a large amount of branches must be disposed of, you may call for the Village trailer. You will be required to load the trailer, but there will be no charge for hauling the branches.

During the week of Halloween we would appreciate that any leaves and brush pickup be out by the road by Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, as we would like to have the sidewalks and streets clear for the Trick or Treaters on Halloween. We want to insure a safe night for the kids to enjoy.

Just a reminder, there will also be Christmas tree pickup after the holidays.

### SNOW REMOVAL

We would like to remind Village residents that under the law, the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The Village will try to assist in the removal of snow from the sidewalks; however this does not and cannot reduce owner's responsibility. If everyone will abide by the following rules, it would facilitate snow removal in the Village:

- 1) Please do not pile snow from driveways onto the sidewalks, particularly after the Village plow has gone through.
- 2) Please remember there is a parking ban on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Vehicles in violation will be issued tickets and may be towed away. This is regardless of whether there is snow or not.
- 3) Please do not park on sidewalks or block sidewalks at any time.

### SEWER REMINDER

Village of Corfu Sewer Law Section 1118 reads; "If there shall be any payments which are due to the Village of Corfu, or any Department thereof, pursuant to any Article or Section of this Law, which shall remain due and unpaid, in whole or in part, for a period of **thirty (30) calendar days** from the date of billing by the Village of Corfu, the same shall constitute a default, and there shall be added to the entire amount of the original bill a penalty equal to **ten percent (10%)** of the original bill, and **interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at a rate of two percent (2%) per month**, retroactive to the date of the original billing." If you pay your bill late and do not include all interest due, it will be added to your next bill, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM AL

With the opening of Buttercrumb's Bakery this summer, I did a little research on what bakeries have been in Corfu in the past.

- The first bakery I found mentioned was Flander's Bakery & Laundry. It was located in Barden Hall in the early 1890's (just east of Central Hotel). On April 8, 1893, seventeen year old Clinton Mallison shot the store owner Miranda Flanders three times in the head in a money dispute. Mrs. Flanders survived the shooting but never reopened the Bakery.
- Around 1910 the Huetter & Collins Bakery opened at 14 E Main St. Later it became Child's Bakery and in 1912 it became Wagner's Bakery. It burned down in the fire of 1912, which destroyed several downtown buildings. Wagner's Bakery reopened temporarily next to the Barbershop at 55 Allegheny while a new bakery was built.

- Later in 1912, Mr. Wagner reopened in his new building at 16 E Main as the Corfu Candy Kitchen & Bakery. This building was again damaged by fire in 1913 and rebuilt. It remained open until 1916. It was the Corfu Bakery & Grocery from 1916-1917 run by Roy Huette then George Passage. This business was sold at auction in 1917. William Furlong reopened it as the Corfu Jewelry & Bakery from 1919-1920. A Mr. Rohlf operated it as the Corfu Candy Store & Ice Cream Parlor from 1920-1924. (Not sure if they had a bakery.) The building that housed these bakeries was torn down in 1930 to build a gas station (now the site of Al's Automotive).
- In 2011 Darlene Miller opened Buttercrumb's Bakery at 11 E Main.

Reminder: The Corfu Winterfest is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. Also, the Pembroke Historical Society begins its programs in October. Remember these programs are **free!** See the Community page for Fall and Winter programs. For more information call 585-599-3248. Remember, in the year 2012 the Town of Pembroke will be celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday and is planning many events. In the next issue I will include any updates I have on the exciting events coming up.

### **NO OPEN BURNING!!!**

Once again we remind all residents that there is no open burning allowed within the Village limits with the exception of "Barbecue grills...and similar outdoor cooking devices when actually used for cooking or processing food". This is a STATE LAW and is enforceable by any conservation or police officer or you can call 1-800-TIPP DEC to report the burning. If you would like further information the NYS DEC website is [www.dec.ny.gov/regulations](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations). You may be fined if found in violation of this law and the fines can be stiff. Please observe the law. **It will be enforced.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WINTERFEST COMMITTEE**

The Committee welcomes new ideas. Help support your Local Groups & become involved!  
Come join the next Meeting on Monday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
At Village Offices, 116 East Main St.  
Call Sandy at 585-599-3327 for more information.