



VILLAGE OF CORFU

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Corfu, NY 14036
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FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

NEW COURT HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Court is held every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of the month

MEETINGS

Village Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Planning Board meetings are held the fourth TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 pm. (New night)
The public is welcome to attend!!!

Meeting minutes can be found on the website:
www.corfuny.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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John Good john_good@msn.com

**Village Board/Planning Board
Joint Meeting will be held
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
7:00 pm at the Community Center**

Purpose of the Joint Meeting is to discuss updating the Village Comprehensive plan, ideas for bringing new business to the Village and forming a committee to address recent Village Flood Plain changes by the Army Corps of Engineers and DEC. Attendance and input from the public is welcomed.

HALLOWEEN HOURS

The Village Board has set hours for Halloween
Tricks & Treats between
6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Thursday,
October 31, 2013



WINTERFEST 2014



Winterfest 2014 will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Planning is under way and several meetings have been held, chaired by Pam Ware. She can be contacted at 599-3817 for info on the next meeting or if you are interested in participating. The Committee is looking for new ideas that will bring the community together for some fun and entertainment.

More details follow later in the newsletter.

BOARD CONNECTION

Deputy Mayor Dave Bielec is running the Village board meetings and Trustee Art Ianni has assumed the role of supervising the Police department in the absence of Mayor Ralph Peterson while he is out on a medical leave until January 2, 2014.

Summer is over already and the leaves are turning color and falling. It won't be long and the noise in the neighborhood will be snow blowers instead of lawn mowers. The busy concerts at Darien Lake are done for the year. It seems like just yesterday there was an endless stream of cars coming from the Thruway heading to the concerts. We would like to thank the Village residents for their patience during the high traffic times.

We would also like to extend a thank you to all the village residents who have been attending village meetings and offering their assistance on committees. It is a pleasure to have so many residents show they care about the village.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

What began as the Concerned Citizen's Committee has branched out forming a "Celebration and Beautification Committee", currently focusing on the upcoming Winterfest on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Judging from the preliminary list of events it looks like it will be the largest Winterfest yet. Many changes in entertainment, displays by local artisans, and other new surprises are being planned.

Future plans are to set the committee up as a separate entity from the Village so this committee could raise money for the Winterfest, flower pots and maybe even get back to having Christmas decorations throughout the Village. More importantly, this committee can start looking forward to 2018 when the Village celebrates 150 years of being incorporated. For those that can remember the centennial celebration in 1968, we think the people of the Village would like to see that again. Village Historian Al Starkweather is willing to work with those interested in setting up a 2018 Sesquicentennial celebration. If anyone is interested please contact the Village Office to get the ball rolling!

SEWER PROJECT:

The new Sewer Project is finally well underway. For those that haven't attended any of the public meetings, the sewer will be extended north on Route 77 to Route 5 and then west to the Thruway underpass. The Town of Pembroke has started laying pipe along Route 5. There will be two added lift stations, one near Yancey's Fancy and one near Cohocton Road.

There has been considerable progress with the work at the Corfu Plant. The "In-Kind" work to be done by Corfu maintenance and Camden Group has been approved by the DEC, which will result in savings for the Village. We are now in the process of obtaining the Bond. We are on schedule for a spring completion. This is truly a joint venture with the Town and a perfect example of working together for the good of the community. If you are interested in more detailed updates, check the Village meeting minutes on our website corfuny.com.

SEWER BILLING:

Beginning with the January 2014 quarterly billing, the Sewer rate will increase from \$6.00/1000 gallons to \$6.24/1000 gallons. This was determined after the public hearing held on September 23, 2013 as per Local Law #3 of 2013.

POLICE:

The unmarked 2009 Chevy Impala police car has been traded in for a Ford Crown Victoria. The Chevy was in bad condition and costing too much in repairs. This was an even swap, including the installation of lights, cage and all needed equipment. The majority of the Board felt it was a good deal and needed to be done. The Crown Victoria should be on the road by the time you receive this newsletter.

The Village Police are now part of the CSEA Local 1000 Union. The Board has not yet met with the Union for negotiations. There has been no further update on the potential lawsuit by the Village Police towards the Village Board. It is still pending and new details will be passed on when they are available.

PLANNING BOARD:

A public hearing was held on October 7, 2013 to review and discuss Local Law #4 of 2013, a Law to amend the Law known as the Village of Corfu Zoning Law, Section 403-A. This Law entails the addition of Neighborhood Business Districts. The study was completed by the Planning Board, submitted and approved after the October 7th public hearing. A copy of the Local Law #4 of 2013 can be found on the Village website in the minutes of September 23, 2013 or obtained at the Village Office. It will allow for more variety of businesses in the Village. A map of the Neighborhood Business District areas is also available at the Village Office.

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GRANT INFO:

J. O'Connell & Associates will be preparing and submitting a grant application to NYS Department of State - Local Government Citizens Reorganization. If awarded, this grant would provide funds for a study of the feasibility, pros and cons of dissolving the Village to determine if it would be beneficial to the Village of Corfu and Town of Pembroke. This is for a "study" only. The study would be an in-depth look at the financial benefits or detriments to all residents of both the Village and Town if the Village were to be dissolved.

An application for the JCAP grant is being submitted by the Village Court for a security system that would benefit both the Village and Town Offices. Also, the application for the Go-Art grant is being submitted to hopefully help pay some of the expenses for the upcoming Winterfest.

MAINTENANCE:

Mike and Jesse will still be picking up leaves and brush, but possibly not as often due to their involvement in the Sewer Project, so please be patient. If you have a lot, don't hesitate to call the office and the Clerks can relay the message to Mike and Jesse.

GENERAL INFO:

Don't forget to check the Community page for upcoming events in the area. Some of these events are coming up right away, so you don't want to miss them.



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 1st to April 30th. Vehicles in violation will be issued tickets and may be towed away. This is regardless of whether or not there is snow.
- 3) Please do not park on sidewalks or block sidewalks at any time.



There is a leash law in the Village. ALSO, Section 8,H of Local Law No. 1 of 1992 states it shall be unlawful for any dog owner to permit or allow a dog to create a nuisance by defecating, urinating or digging on public or private property other than the property of the said owner. This includes public sidewalks, the Cemetery and the Library. It is not a dog park.

PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!

EDUCATIONAL FORUM ON NY SAFE ACT

PRESENTED BY ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE HAWLEY
"HOW WILL NY's NEW GUN LAW AFFECT YOU?"

Monday, Oct 21, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Albion Middle School Auditorium
254 East Ave, Albion

For More Info: (585) 589-5780

CORFU FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We would like to welcome our 3 newest members, Dan, Rachel and Josh and to invite anyone that is thinking about joining our fire department family to stop down any Monday for an application. We would love to visit with you and answer any questions you may have. Congratulations to Justin Rodland and Tyler Lang, Pembroke Class of 2013 and our newest active firefighters. Both of them joined the department when they turned 16 as junior firefighters and have been a great asset to our department.

The fire department has 5 members going to EMT classes for the next 6 months, thank you Rachel, Josh, Justin, Renee and Roger for your dedication. We would like to thank all our members that have been attending classes at the fire training center to make our neighborhood a safer place - Mitch, Dan, Colby, Rob, Steve, Brian, Dean, Ben and Brad. Thanks for all you do. Also to the others that are always there for us, we couldn't do it without teamwork!

October is Fire Prevention month, please check your smoke detectors and batteries. If you need a smoke detector please stop by or call and leave a message at 585-599-3618 and we will provide you with one. The fire department had an open house on Monday October 7th where we had a live fire demonstration and talked to the children about fire safety. We held a poster contest at the intermediate school and we had the students' wonderful art work on display. Thank you to the parents and families for bringing your children. We ended the evening by awarding prizes for the posters and had drawings for smoke detectors. We also plan a surprise drill at the intermediate school, a visit at the Corfu Library for the youngsters and to assist East Pembroke Fire Department with their fire prevention program at the primary school.

Thank you to our friends and neighbors that came out to Dennys for the appreciation night on September 25th. It was wonderful to see everyone.

Our 2014 calendars have arrived, so we will be passing them out throughout the village in the coming weeks. Thank you to the businesses that advertised with us.

The Corfu Fire Department will be assisting the East Pembroke Fire Department along with the many wonderful people that are hosting a Chicken BBQ and benefit for the Ben Falker Family on October 27th at the Holy Name of Mary Church Hall in East Pembroke. Please join us and show your support for the wonderful community we live in. (See Community page for more info on this event.)

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

With the closing of Burling Drugs this summer, I thought I would do a brief history of Corfu Drug stores.

- Around 1875, Mr. Edwards built a building to the east of the present C.B. Beach & Son Mortuary and opened a drug store there.
- 1875 – 1897 it was Edwards Drug Store.
- 1897 - 1915 it was Sumner Drug Store.
- 1915 – 1922 it was Delbridge Drug Store.
- 1923 – 1954 Conrad Blessing ran the Corfu Drug Store here. The building was torn down in 1989.
- There was no drug store in Corfu from 1954-1972.
- In 1972 George Hirsch purchased Seyfried's Market at 20-22 E. Main St. and opened Carver Drugs here through 1982.
- 1982 – 1991 it was the Corfu Pharmacy.
- In 1991 Dan Burling purchased the building and operated Burling Drugs here until 2013.

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On April 24, 1950 there was a plane wreck in Corfu. Robert Kerr flew a small plane from Medina to Corfu. The plane landed at the Fissler farm near Corfu and picked up his friend Robert Smith of Corfu. They took off and headed towards the home of Mr. Smith's parents on Ganson Avenue in Corfu. Suddenly the engine quit and the plane crashed in a field near Ganson Avenue, killing both men. Mr. Smith's wife and parents witnessed the crash. Corfu firemen and Dr. McLouth responded to the scene, but Mr. Smith had died on impact and Mr. Kerr died that evening from his injuries. (Thanks to Edward Harrison and to the Batavia Daily's "Hidden History" by Mark Graczyk for bringing this to my attention.)

**Thanks to all who attended the 2013 Brick House Fair.
Hope you got to visit the History Room**

**Upcoming Town of Pembroke History Program at Pembroke Town Hall
Wed. November 6, 2013 7:00 pm: "The Lusitania" by Greg Kinal**

DON'T MISS WINTERFEST 2014 – SAT., JAN. 25, 2014: 12 noon-8:00 pm

**Bring canned goods & nonperishables for Door Prize Tickets to benefit Local Food Pantry!
New this year also bring Dog & Cat Food for the local animal shelter for Door Prize Tickets**

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION
BY AL STARKWEATHER HISTORIAN
"RECREATION IN TOWN OF PEMBROKE
AND VILLAGE OF CORFU
THROUGH THE YEARS"**

**OUTSIDE EVENTS INCLUDING:
WEATHER PERMITTING – (Bring Skates & Sled)
SLEDDING
ICE SKATING RINK (Bigger than ever)
BONFIRE
BOY SCOUT CAMPSITE**

**MUSIC ALL DAY INCLUDING:
CORFU/PEMBROKE COMMUNITY BAND
BIGGS SOUND & ENTERTAINMENT
RAMBLE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**

**OTHER FUN THINGS INCLUDING:
ARTISAN DISPLAYS & DEMOS
PYA BASKET RAFFLE
MAGIC BY LARRY KOHORST
BALLOONS
NEW VENDORS & GROUP PARTICIPANTS
VFW 50/50 RAFFLE**

AND MORE!!!

**CORFU FIRE DEPARTMENT - FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES & DISPLAYS
GENESEEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SAFE CHILD I.D. PROGRAM SIGN UPS**

AND ALL KINDS OF FOOD (So Bring Your Appetite!)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

Route 77, Darien

SUNDAY, NOV. 24



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
COOKIE SALE,
FOOD, SANTA
AND MORE
11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

TOWN OF PEMBROKE



**STILL AVAILABLE!
BICENTENNIAL
HISTORY BOOK \$10.00 EA
CALENDARS \$5.00 EA
Available at upcoming
Winterfest or contact
Nicole Begin at Town Office
585-599-4892 Ext. 21**

AT CORFU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Hungry Bear Breakfast
Sun, October 27th - 8:30-12:30
Bring your Appetite!
For more info call
Dorothy at 599-4588**

CORFU FIRE DEPT



October is Fire Prevention month! If you need a smoke detector, we will provide you with one. Stop in or call 599-3618 and leave a message.
**Meet every Monday Night
Stop in for a tour!
Looking for Volunteers**

HOLY NAME OF MARY



**CHINESE AUCTION &
CHICKEN BBQ BENEFIT
FOR BEN FALKER
AT E. P. CHURCH HALL
Sunday, Oct. 27th
BBQ - 11-2, AUCTION - 11:30-5
Also Music, 50/50, Bake Sale
For Info: Brian Fix (585)815-9512
Or Don Newton (585)813-4033**

**BOY SCOUTS
BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**



**Saturday, Nov. 2nd
From 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
American Family Market
Parking Lot
SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

CORFU LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours

Monday 10:00 – 2:00
Tuesday 2:00 – 8:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 2:00
Thursday 2:00 – 8:00
Friday 3:00 – 8:00
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Come in & check out our
new Books and Movies**

CORFU GRANGE

ROAST PORK DINNER



**Sunday, November 3rd
Beginning at Noon**

**Portion of proceeds goes to the
Dictionary Project to buy
dictionaries for all 3rd graders at
the Corfu Intermediate School**

CORFU LIBRARY NEWS



**Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30 am

Support the Library by donating to their Paper Recycling Bin. See website for more info.
www.corfufreelibrary.org

If your group or organization has an event coming up in late January through early April contact the Village Office and we can put it in the next quarterly issue of the Village Newsletter.