

VILLAGE OF CORFU

116 East Main Street
Corfu, NY 14036
585-599-3327

FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

COURT HOURS

Closed Monday

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 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 6:30 pm.

*Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday
of the month at 6:30 pm.*

Planning Board meetings are held the fourth
TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 pm.

The public is welcome to attend!!!

Meeting minutes can be found on the website:

www.corfuny.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Village Deputy deputyclerk@corfuny.com

Village Board:

Dep. Mayor Dave Bielec deputymayor@corfuny.com

Trustee Keith Busch susbus5@aol.com

Trustee Ken Lauer ken@kesyoni.com

Trustee Art Ianni arthur.ianni.corfu@gmail.com

Code Enforcement Officer:

Craig Blake elgringoceb@gmail.com

DISSOLUTION STUDY COMMITTEE

The Dissolution Study Steering Committee has been meeting to review and discuss whether dissolution of the Village will benefit the taxpayers, as well as explore the continuation of various services the Village residents now receive. On Thursday, October 16th a public informational meeting was held to get feedback from residents, answer questions regarding the benefits or ramifications of dissolution and to address resident concerns. If you were unable to attend and would like general information from the

HALLOWEEN HOURS

The Village Board has set hours for Halloween Tricks
& Treats between
6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Thursday,
October 31, 2014

WINTERFEST 2015

Winterfest 2015 will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015. 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 continues to run the Village board meetings and Trustee Art Ianni continues the role of supervising the Police department in the absence of a Mayor.

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 residents that show they care about the village. Please remember that the meetings are open to the public and resident input is always welcome.

MAINTENANCE:

- During this time of year the Maintenance department is picking up a lot of brush and leaves. Please be considerate and adhere to the guidelines on the next page and keep animal waste out of the debris. Also, there is **NO OPEN BURNING!** This is a STATE LAW and will be enforced!

During the Sewer Project a lot of time was put into the Project by our Maintenance department. We want to thank the residents for their patience.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

Plans for the Winterfest on Saturday, January 24, 2015 are well under way. Pam Ware and Jean Marsick have been dedicating a lot of hours into making this year's Winterfest a huge success. Judging from the preliminary list of events and vendors, 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.

This committee will also 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!

POLICE:

- Computers and Tracs system have been updated in the Police Office and vehicles. Also thanks to the efforts of Officer Rich Retzlaff, the Village Police will be receiving a STOP-DWI grant for \$2,267 for the upcoming year.

The Village Police are now part of the CSEA Local 1000 Union. The Board and Union have not yet come to terms in negotiations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The Village would like to welcome our new Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Blake. Craig has worked previously with the Town of Pembroke. He is being updated on some of the issues that need to be addressed in the Village, such as condition of abandoned properties.

GRANT INFO:

An application for the JCAP grant is being submitted by the Village Court for security storage for Court records. The security system from last year's JCAP grant has been installed and in use.

Also, the application for the Go-Art grant has been submitted for the upcoming Winterfest.

SEWER PROJECT:

The Village's portion of the Sewer Project is pretty much wrapped up, awaiting the first flow to begin coming in from the Town of Pembroke users. The Town of Pembroke should be finishing up on their end very soon.

The "In-Kind" work that was done by Corfu maintenance and Camden Group has resulted in considerable savings for the Village. This has truly been 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 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.**

ELECTIONS:

Elections will be coming up on March 18, 2015. March Village elections are usually held on the third Tuesday of March. Please note that per Election Law Section 15, the upcoming election falls on a **Wednesday** rather than the usual Tuesday due to St. Patrick's Day being on Tuesday March 17, 2015. Caucuses must be held between January 20 and January 27, 2015. Positions to be filled are Mayor and two Trustees.

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.

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY! GET INVOLVED!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

From 1974 – 1976 Corfu had a rash of “arson” fires. There were 10 arson fires during these years. This is a list of some of them:

- September 1974 - Heckel’s Roofing storage building on Water Street burned to the ground. (It was located where Potter Lumber’s Storage shed is now located.)
- October 1974 - A fire was set in some choir robes in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. It was discovered early and extinguished. There was some fire and smoke damage.
- November 1975 – The vacant printing press building on Allegheny was destroyed by fire. There was also some damage to homes on both sides of it. There were reports of an explosion prior to the fire.
- November 1975 – A fire was set in the old fire hall on Main Street. It was extinguished before too much damage was done.
- February 1976 – A storage shed at Potter Lumber was destroyed by fire in sub-zero weather. Quick work by firemen kept it from spreading.
- March 1976 – Six weeks after being rebuilt, the same storage building at Potter’s was again destroyed by fire along with a truck.

During this stretch of time there were also fires set at the Library and the Feed Mill. These fires failed to develop. In 1976 the fires stopped as suddenly as they started. No person was ever caught and charged with the arsons.

Thank you to all who attended the Brick House Fair. Remember the Winterfest is January 24, 2015.

It’s time for Pembroke Historical Programs to begin again. These are free to attend and you do not need to be a member to attend. They are at 7:00 pm at the Pembroke Town Hall, unless noted otherwise.

- November 5 – “ Days That Shook America” – A program by Pembroke teacher Greg Kinal. His programs are always entertaining and interesting.

DON’T MISS WINTERFEST 2014 – SAT., JAN. 24, 2015: 12 noon-8:00 pm

Bring canned goods & nonperishables for Door Prize Tickets to benefit Local Food Pantry!

Also bring Dog & Cat Food for the local animal shelter for Door Prize Tickets

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION
BY AL STARKWEATHER HISTORIAN
“HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD”
VILLAGE & TOWN EVENTS
THROUGH THE YEARS**

**MUSIC ALL DAY INCLUDING:
CORFU/PEMBROKE COMMUNITY BAND
BIGGS SOUND & ENTERTAINMENT
BOBBY LABEL & THE DAMN FINE REBELS**

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

**OTHER FUN THINGS INCLUDING:
ARTISAN DISPLAYS & DEMOS
PYA BASKET RAFFLE
MAGIC BY LARRY KOHORST
BALLOONS BY PAUL SCHULER
MORE VENDORS & GROUP PARTICIPANTS
VFW 50/50 RAFFLE
BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY & DEMONSTRATION**

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CONTACT PAM WARE at 599-3817 or the Village Office at 599-3327

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



**OUR LADY OF
GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH**

Route 77, Darien

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23



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

Volunteers for Animals of Batavia



11th

Saturday October 25

Days Inn, Batavia

Proceeds benefit the Spay/Neuter Program

For further information contact:

info@vol4animals.org

www.vol4animals.org

**AT CORFU
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



**Hungry Bear Breakfast
Sun, October 26**

Bring your Appetite!

For more info call
Dorothy at 599-4588

**BOY SCOUTS
DINNER AT DENNY'S**



Wednesday, Nov. 19
From 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm
Denny's Restaurant
On Allegheny Road
**SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

CORFU FIRE DEPT



**October is Fire Prevention
month!**
**Support your Local Fire
Department**
Meet every Monday Night
Stop in for a tour!
Looking for Volunteers

**BOY SCOUTS
BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**



Saturday, Nov. 8
From 9:00 am- 2:00 pm
American Family Market
Parking Lot
**SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

CORFU GRANGE

Saturday, November 15
“America Recycles Day”
NY State’s first ever statewide
Clothing & Textile Collection
Day.

Please donate your used,
wearable clothing to our shed
behind the Grange Hall on
Allegheny Street in the
Village.

**Help keep these clothes out
of our Landfills.**

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 2
Noon until Sold Out

Located across from Intermediate
School

**Portion of proceeds to support
“Words for Thirds”
Dictionary Project to buy
dictionaries for all 3
the Corfu Intermediate School**

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.