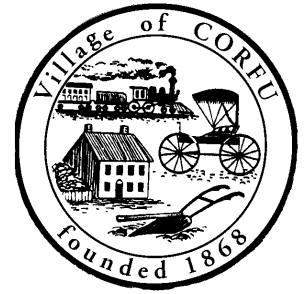


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SPRING 2012

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY --- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY --- 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE IS 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.

Planning Board meetings are the fourth Wednesday each month at **6:30 pm**.

Public is welcome to attend. REMINDER: Meeting Minutes are on **Website: corfuny.com**

ELECTION RESULTS

Results of 2012 Village of Corfu Elections are as follows:

(Winners in **Bold & Underlined**)

Votes Received

Two Positions

Trustee: (2) Years – Democrat – <u>Arthur Ianni</u>	30
Trustee: (2) Years – Republican – <u>Kenneth Lauer</u>	29
Trustee: (2) Years – Republican – Michael Tost (write in)	17

TOTAL NUMBER RESIDENTS VOTING: 58

We would like to thank David Bielec for his service to the Village as a Trustee.

BRUSH & BRANCH PICKUP

Scheduled pickup for brush will be on Mondays and Fridays through the season. Brush and branches should be in manageable lengths not longer than 4 feet. Please make sure there is **NO ANIMAL WASTE** in your brush. On large amounts of brush or debris, please contact the Village office as we may be able to pick it up on site rather than you having to haul it to roadside or 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.

The same holds true with roll-off items. If you have large items that need to be picked up please contact the Village Office. A roll-off schedule follows at end of newsletter.

MAYOR & TRUSTEE NEWS

From Mayor Todd Skeet:

Hope you had a good winter. To start with I would like to thank Dave Bielec for his two years of service as a Trustee. We are looking forward to working with Art Ianni and congratulations to Ken Lauer on his re-election.

Maintenance: During this time of year the guys are picking up a lot of brush. Please be considerate and adhere to the guidelines above and keep animal waste out of the debris. Also there is **NO OPEN BURNING!** This is a STATE LAW and will be enforced! There is also currently a ban on recreational fires until May 14th due to the dry conditions. There has recently been a lot of grass fires reported.

A major project the boys have been working on is refurbishing our old portable generator. They have fabricated a new shell, fuel tank, etc and replaced worn parts making it like new. All of this has been done in-house and saves the cost of a new generator. The boys are also looking into the cost of fabricating a tower of lights that could be cranked up to 15' on the generator. The Town of Pembroke will be utilizing the generator this summer for many of their Bicentennial events.

Future projects will include marking the crosswalks and getting the flower pots out. The Market will be doing the flowers again this year and they should be out by Memorial Day. The guys will also be very busy once the Sewer Project gets underway as they will be doing a lot of in-kind service to help reduce the costs on the Grant.

Police: We have a seasonal meeting scheduled in the next couple of weeks to set up schedules for the busy summer months. The new police car should be here in the next 2-3 weeks and will replace the old marked car which has developed considerable mechanical problems. We are striving to get set up on a two year replacement rotation on our Police vehicles. Please note the concert schedule at the end of newsletter. We expect it to be a busy, challenging year with construction on Route 77 possibly increasing delays. Please be patient and allow extra time. We have no say in the traffic light schedule, but try to work together with the State to get traffic moving as quickly as possible.

Sewer: We should be starting within the next month updating the Sewer plant as part of the joint sewer project with the Town of Pembroke. For \$.15 on the dollar, the Village will be getting a brand new plant that will run more efficiently. Our goal with a joint sewer district with the Town is to help reduce sewer rates for the Village residents. An amount has not been determined at this time. We are excited to get this project off the ground and will keep everyone informed as it progresses.

Court: The Judicial Board and State Attorney General are still in the process of investigating any wrongdoing in our Court department. This procedure is totally out of the Village's hands and we currently have no idea how long it may go on. As the investigation continues we will try to keep everyone updated as best we can. Our new Court Clerk Pam Yasses is doing a fantastic job of getting paperwork caught up. She has also obtained a Court Grant for about \$4800 for new equipment for her office.

Office: Speaking of grants, in the next couple of weeks, new file units obtained on an Archive grant will be installed in our back office. Then the real work will begin with reorganizing the filing system for better access to records. The past few months a lot of the office staff time was spent working on the budget for next year. I would like to thank Sandy and Denise for all their hard work on helping us balance the budget as best we can.

Budget: The Budget is now finished and we will be keeping the tax rate the same. We have one of the lowest tax rates in New York. This year has been a challenge with the large increases in health insurance rates and retirement costs. We tried to keep any other increases to a minimum and cut costs where we felt we could. The Mayor, Board of Trustees and employees in management positions did not receive any increase in salary and the slight increase in other staff salary was to cover the additional cost of their share of health insurance.

Other News: Just wanted to mention the semipro team, the Lyndonville Tigers, is returning to the Town Park this year at the beginning of June. They support our PYA so we hope you will, in turn, support them to help support our kids. We are also excited about this summer's upcoming Bicentennial events. The Town has many events scheduled. See the Community page for more info on the scheduled events.

One thing I would like to see implemented is to try to start a Citizen's Committee to help beautify the Village of Corfu. The Village would work hand in hand in trying to obtain grants for that purpose. If anyone is interested or has any ideas please contact the Village office. Also if you have the time or resources, on May 11th and 12th many of our community members will be working on the new playground at the Intermediate School. Any and all help is welcome.

THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY. LET'S MAKE IT THE BEST WE CAN!

From Trustee Ralph Peterson;

In my previous communications I have requested citizen participation at our meetings. It was encouraging to see the turnout for the public hearing on the commercial zoning issue. Our community spirit seems to have shifted from, "What is best for the community" to, "An us against them attitude". Sometimes we cannot always have things go exactly like we would like and want. Comments during the public hearing made it clear there is a difference of opinion on the commercial zoning issue. When a change benefits our Village by creating jobs, increases our sales tax revenue, and improves the overall quality of life in the community we must work together to find a way to make it happen. I'm sure we can reach that goal when we work together using the facts of the situation, make objective decisions on what is best for the community based on the facts. I am confident we can reach that outcome.

I want to thank Dave Bielec for his contribution to the Village during his service and welcome Art Ianni to the Board.

From Trustee Ken Lauer:

First, I'd like to say thank you to the individuals who voted for me in the recent election. It was an off year and neither of the trustee positions were contested so I think those individuals who did come out to vote deserve a great deal of credit. The village needs to have more involved citizens if it is going to grow and prosper to the benefit of the entire village.

It is easy to complain about government, but what I have been personally finding out is that it is almost as easy to do something about it by being involved and attending village, town and school board meetings. There you can hear what is going on, voice your opinion and understand the basis of most decisions and why certain things take so much time to enact. Your representatives on these boards do what they think is in the best interest of the people they represent, but without your voices they can only guess what that is based upon their personal perceptions.

Involvement in the village also goes further than politics as I found out in early April. On Good Friday I went into the Old Odd Fellows building to find that one of the doors was open. I thought maybe the high winds had blown it open but upon inspection around the building I noticed some peculiarities. I had a family function to go to so I had to leave before I did a good assessment of the building. That evening I went through the building and found that sure enough intruders had been in the building and did some damage. On Saturday I spoke with someone and they told me that earlier in the week some teenagers had been in the back and had destroyed a number of trees and shrubs in the hedgerow behind the building. This act was observed by at least one individual but that person chose not to report it.

I was a bit surprised by that, but then realized that I was also going to do the same thing by not reporting the break-in since I didn't think there was much to report. Well DUH I said to myself and I called 911. One of our village officers came over in about 5 minutes, did an inspection, gave me some advice and filled out a report. Since we knew who damaged the brush piles it was assumed it was the same teens and the officer did go to the parents to speak to them.

We all knew that the damage was done but we are hoping that this will help the teens understand that these actions will not be tolerated. The incident did have the nice effect of pulling together a bunch of individuals from the adjoining properties and we all assisted in cleaning up the mess of cans, branches and garbage left by the vandals on the lawn and in the parking lot next to the hedgerow. It is great to know that there are good neighbors in this village! It was also another good lesson for me in taking responsible action when something occurs that may lead to other mischief.

Bottom line is that we have a nice village. We can keep it healthy and growing by being active, alert and involved. Choosing not to leads to problems that affects us all.

From Trustee Al Graham:

Let's see, let's start with the budget. After many meetings and many cuts the Board has been able to hold taxes down again (nice job and thanks to Sandy and Denise). But beware! With the cost of retirement and insurance the time is coming for an increase, but not this year! We had to budget our share of the Treatment Plant rebuild, but are hoping that we can greatly offset the cost by doing in-kind service.

Mike and Jesse broke down our portable generator over the winter and rebuilt it. Another very nice job! If you have a chance, stop down and check it out. We will be hiring a summer helper to cut grass and pick up brush while the boys work at the plant on the Sewer project. So say hi to the new guy when you see him.

The roll-offs start this month, so bring down your junk that your wives have been trying to get you to get rid of. Or wives bring down the stuff while your hubby's working. We won't tell!!

The Village audit has just been closed out and we came out in real good shape. We had a couple small items to adjust, which we did. Again, nice job Sandy and Denise. As far as the Court goes there are still two different investigations on-going. Not much to tell yet, but I will say that our new Court Clerk Pam Yasses, along with assistant Clerk Tom Ingram, are doing a great job.

We will be taking ownership of a new police car in the next couple of weeks that will be replacing our old marked car. Our officers are doing a great job keeping our Village safe. Keep in mind they hand out hundreds of tickets each month to speeders going 45 to 55 mph through our Village. What do you think it would be like without them? I recently received a letter from a Village resident proposing we dissolve the Village. One of their points was that we don't have a lot of crime in our Village so why do we need a police department? I think we don't have a lot of crime because we do have one!

Look, I work in ten different Villages in four different counties and from top to bottom we have the most talented group of employees we could ever hope to have. Give them a pat on the back when you see them. It always feels nice when someone tells you thanks! We don't need graphs and pie charts and micro management to get the job done. We need good people and we have them! Remember the KISS method – **Keep It Simple Stupid!**

As always, if you've got a problem or question, call me or stop me when you see me. I don't mind.

From Jim Meier, Police Supervisor;

Darien Lake and the Concert season is just around the corner. Please understand as much as we would love to keep the village streets open to the residents during the heavy traffic times, it is not possible. We get pressure from New York State to make sure traffic never backs up on the thruway. If you can't avoid the Rte 77/Rte 33 intersection during the heavy traffic times then you will need to plan ahead for delays. You can expect heavy traffic starting a couple hours prior to the beginning of each concert and a couple hours after. The current concert schedule is listed at the end of the newsletter. This can and will change. If you find yourself in heavy traffic, please be patient and we will get you through as soon as we can.

Thanks for your patience and let's all have a fun and safe summer!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS by AL

With the opening of "The Market" this winter I thought I'd mention some of the other grocery stores that have been in Corfu during the past 200 years. There have been over 30 grocery stores and 19 meat markets in the Village over the years.

In 1812 our first business Kinne's Tavern, carried a few basic provisions. The first grocery to open was Freeman & Stoddards General Store, which opened in 1833 (where A&K Guns is now). A total of 8 different people would operate grocery stores at this location through 1960 when it was destroyed by fire. The last 3 were Steven's, Deagman's and Gerhardt's. (Some of us can remember them.)

From 1845-1899 three different people ran stores where M&T Bank is now. Kinne's General Store, Mill's General Store and Ogden's Cash Store were located there. That building was destroyed by fire in 1899. From 1865-1876 Safford & Reed's General Store operated about where Burling Drugs is now.

In 1883 Henry VandeBogart's Grocery opened where "Yesterdays" is now. It was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1912. Six other people would run a grocery store there from 1915-1963. These included Cook's Red & White and Doll's Red & White. From 1916-1917 the Corfu Bakery & Grocery operated about where "Al's Auto" is now.

From 1963-1973 Frank Doll ran Doll's Red & White where "Ink Slave Tattoo" is now. Doll's Super Duper opened in Corfu Plaza in 1973. It was Doll's Jubilee from 1993-1998 and Corfu IGA from 1998-2010.

Seyfried's Market operated where Burling's is now from 1966-1972. From 1981-2007 the Corfu Kwik-Serv operated where K&K is now. K&K opened there in 2008. In 2011 the newest store, "The Market", opened with Heaven's Gate Florist and M&M Meats included.

There have also been at Least 19 meat markets in the village since 1807. Several different meat markets operated next to the Corner Store at different times from 1875-1935. There were at least 3 different meat markets in the barns behind the Union Hotel from 1879-1886. Bennett's Meats was located at 8 East Main in 1879.

There were 7 different meat markets where Burling Drugs is now between 1900 and 1960. Many of us can remember Miller's Corfu Meat Market from 1920-1960. Seyfried's had a meat market in what is now the Chiropractor building from 1980-1989. M&M Meats opened in "The Market" in 2011.

For a more complete list or if you have any additions or corrections, feel free to contact me. See the **Community Page** for info on upcoming **Bicentennial events** and Historical Society Programs. Contact the Town Office for Bicentennial Calendars and Books (to be available soon).

WOMEN OUTDOORS ESTABLISHES NEW WNY CHAPTER

An organizational Meet & Greet for the new Western NY Women Outdoors chapter will be held at the Pembroke Community Center in Corfu, NY, on Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Women Outdoors is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a supportive environment where all women can have fun and challenge themselves in a community of women who love the outdoors while respecting the earth.

Women Outdoors promotes leadership, friendship, adventure, and enjoyment in both indoor and outdoor activities including hiking, kayaking, camping, bowling, and cross-country skiing. Some of the other activities include bird-watching, book clubs, game nights, camp cookery, orienteering, ice skating, picnics & beach days, and cycling.

Want to travel to far-flung places? WO-Unleashed has sponsored trips to the Colorado River, the annual Memorial Day weekend gathering in New Hampshire, and community service assistance for Habitat for Humanity in post-Katrina New Orleans.

Come join the fun as Women Outdoors' newest chapter takes advantage of all Western NY's spectacular 4-season scenery and great natural assets. We are near Buffalo and include the Southern Tier. Iroquois

If you are a woman who loves the outdoors, then Women Outdoors is for you. Additional Meet & Greets will be held at various locales throughout the Western NY counties. Additional information is available on <http://womenoutdoors.org> or by contacting WesternNY@womenoutdoors.org or Pam at 585.599.3817.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We would like to thank the community for their support and to remind everyone that we are actively looking for new members. We have several active junior firefighters, both male and female, and we would love to expand that program. We had a great response for training during the first quarter, 492 total hours. Our officers for 2012 are Chief Dean Eck, Asst. Chief Brian Schollard, Asst. Chief Greg Lang and Asst. Chief Brian McMartin. If interested in becoming a member or learning more about the fire department stop by any Monday and we will be happy to give you a tour and answer your questions.

Mark your calendars: Wednesday **May 2nd-Denny's Corfu Fire Department Night** at their 8484 Allegheny Road location. Denny's will donate 10% of the proceeds to the department which we will use the donations towards our Fire Prevention Program.

Saturday **May 5thBenefit** for Austin Heineman on at the East Pembroke Fire Hall. Austin, a senior at Pembroke, is battling a rare aggressive form of cancer and the benefit will help with some of the costs not covered by insurance. **May 11th and 12th** the fire department is helping with the new **playground** at the Pembroke Intermediate School. The playground is a result of winning the \$50,000 Pepsi Challenge last fall by our entire community and we are very excited to be a part of something that will benefit young and old for years to come. Hope to see you there! For more information on all these events see the Community page.

TRASH DISPOSAL ROLL-OFF

All Roll-off hours are Friday 3:00pm –6:00pm and Saturday 8:00am – 11:00am

Fri May 11th
Sat May 12th

Fri June 8th
Sat June 9th

**There is no
Roll-Off in July**

Fri August 10th
Sat August 11th

Fri September 14th
Sat September 15th

Fri October 12th
Sat October 13th

We request that you do not bring any recyclable items such as glass, tin cans, or No.1 and 2 plastics. These should be put with your curbside service. These items can also be taken to the Town of Pembroke Recycling Center, free of charge on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. They also accept newspapers and magazines.

We cannot accept the following items: tires, oil, garbage, toxic materials, refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners, unless Freon has been removed. Paint cans will only be accepted if empty and lid removed. We will accept car batteries, couches, stoves, dishwashers and mattresses. If you need help with large items, please call the Village Office at 599-3327.

The Village reserves the right to reject large amounts of trash and to stop receiving once the container is full. We suggest that residents who are doing major remodeling work to please contract for their own dumpster for trash removal. This service is intended for **residential** use **for Village residents only**.

We have been having people dump items in the Roll-off that are illegal such as tires and paint, which becomes very costly to the Village. We would like to continue to offer this important service to the Village, so we must stress the importance of following the guidelines and not dumping illegal items. There will be **NO DUMPING WITHOUT A VILLAGE EMPLOYEE PRESENT** and illegal dumping will be prosecuted.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	DOORS	SHOW	SUPPORT
6/8/2012	FRI.	7:00PM	6:00PM	DRAKE	J.Cole, WakaFlockaFlame, Meek Mill, 2 Chainz
6/29/2012	FRI.	8:00PM	7:00PM	THE BEACH BOYS	
6/30/2012	SAT	7:00PM	6:00PM	RASCAL FLATTS	Edens Edge
7/3/2012	TUE	7:00PM	6:00PM	DAVE MATTHEWS BAND	BRANDI CARLILE
7/16/2012	MON	7:30PM	6:30PM	IRON MAIDEN	ALICE COOPER
7/17/2012	TUE	12:00PM	11:00AM	WARPED TOUR	Assorted Groups
7/25/2012	WED	6:30PM	5:30PM	NICKELBACK	Bush
7/29/2012	SUN	7:00PM	6:00PM	TOBY KEITH	Brantley Gilbert
8/1/2012	WED	6:00PM	5:00PM	WEDG PRESENTS SLIPKNOT & SLAYER	Motorhead, Anthrax
8/9/2012	THU	7:00PM	6:00PM	BIG TIME RUSH	Cody Simpson
8/11/2012	SAT	7:30PM	6:30PM	BRAD PAISLEY	The Band Perry, Scotty McCreery
8/25/2012	SAT	7:30PM	6:30PM	JASON ALDEAN	Luke Bryan, Rachel Farley, DJ Silver
9/15/2012	SAT	7:00PM	6:00PM	KISS/MOTLEY CRUE	TBA

Kingdombound Sun 8/5 - Wed 8/8

For further updates throughout the season, you can check with the Village Office or on Darien Fun Country website at www.godarienlake.com.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



AT CORFU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Bargain Basement Sale
Fri. June 8th &
Sat. June 9th**

For more info, times or to donate
call Dorothy at 599-4588

ENJOY THE PEMBROKE BICENTENNIAL UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY 15-FINE ARTS EXHIBIT
At PHS during BUDGET VOTE

JUNE 9-OPENING CEREMONY
TOWN PARK 3-10 PM

JULY 14-OLD FASHION PICNIC
(Planning still in the Works)

AT CORFU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Hungry Bear Breakfast
Sun, April 29th - 8:30-12:30
Includes Mini-Basket Raffle

Panorama Chicken BBQ
Sun, May 6th - 11:30 - ?
Tickets \$8.50

CORFU FIRE DEPT EVENTS



**Fire Dept. Fundraiser
Night at Denny's**
Wed. May 2nd - 4-8 pm
8484 Allegheny Road
Complete with
Fire Truck & Clown

MORE TOWN OF PEMBROKE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

AUG. 11 - SQUARE DANCE
COMMUNITY CTR 5-9 PM
With Gary Burdick &
The Edge of Insanity

SEPT 8 - BRICK HOUSE FAIR
Contact Nicole Begin for more
info at 585-599-4892 Ext 21

BOY SCOUTS BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE



Saturday, May 5th
From 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
Old IGA Parking Lot
**SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

PEMBROKE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

“Hand Weaving”
Presented by Gary Green
Wed. May 2nd at 7:00 pm
Pembroke Town Hall, Rte 5

You do not have to be
a member to attend!

**BICENTENNIAL BOOK
To be available soon!**

CORFU LIBRARY NEWS



Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30 am

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

FUNDRAISER For AUSTIN HEINEMAN

**Sat. May 5th at
East Pembroke Fire Hall
4:00 – 11:00 pm**
To help raise funds
For Medical costs

**Will include live bands,
Chicken BBQ, drinks,
Raffles and more!**

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