

VILLAGE OF CORFU

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Corfu, NY 14036
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SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

NEW 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

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Court is held every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of the month

Village Planning Board Needs Two Members and Zoning Board of Appeals Needs One Member

Now is your chance to get involved and help your Village. Please contact the Village Office if interested in becoming a Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals Member.

Public Hearing for Budget

The Public Hearing for Budget
will be held Monday,
April 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm
at the Community Center.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

IT'S YOUR VILLAGE!

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 Board:

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Trustee Keith Busch susbus5@aol.com

Trustee Ken Lauer ken@kesyoni.com

Trustee Art Ianni bianni_41@yahoo.com

Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:

Tyler Lang tglang817@yahoo.com

CORFU FIRE DEPT

MEMORIAL BENEFIT For Family of the late Reverend Charles Alexander

**May 3, 2014 2:00-7:00 pm
At Corfu Fire Hall**

**Spaghetti Dinner 3-6 pm \$10
Basket Raffle – Tickets sold separately
Basket Donations Welcome**

BOARD CONNECTION

Mayor Ralph Peterson has turned in his resignation effective April 7, 2014. Deputy Mayor Dave Bielec is running the Village board meetings and Trustee Art Ianni is supervising the Police department in the absence of the Mayor. We would like to extend a thank you to all the village residents who have been attending village meetings. We hope that residents will continue to take an interest in what is happening with the Village and let your voices be heard.

BUDGET:

The Public Hearing for the Budget is April 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

MAINTENANCE:

Hopefully by the time you receive this spring will be here to stay. Residents are already beginning their spring cleanup as things dry out. Jesse and Jay will be making the rounds on a regular basis to keep the branches and brush picked up. Due to their assistance with the Sewer Project there is no set schedule, so please be patient.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

The Board would like to thank the "Celebration and Beautification Committee" for coordinating a successful Winterfest in January. 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.

Several years ago the now defunct Corfu Businessman's Association (CBA) had donated money to the Village to be used towards Christmas decorations, which has been held in Trust since that time. In speaking with former CBA member George Karam, it was agreed those funds may also be used to continue displaying the Flower Pots.

The Committee will also be looking forward to 2018 when the Village celebrates 150 years of being incorporated. 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.

SEWER PROJECT:

The new Sewer Project is continuing to move along well. The Town of Pembroke and Village have been in contact with the two truck stops to see if they are interested in hooking into the system. A meeting with them is in the works.

There has been considerable progress with the work at the Corfu Plant. Village of Corfu maintenance and Camden Group have been working alongside the contractors and electricians. Completion date is anticipated by the end of June. 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 meeting minutes on the Village website corfuny.com or the Town website townofpembroke.org.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The Village Board would like to thank John Good for his services as Code Enforcement Officer. The Board would like to welcome Tyler Lang who has now been appointed as Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Tyler has several projects in the works.

PLANNING BOARD:

The Village Board would like to thank Planning Board Chairman Dave Saleh and Planning Board Members Dave Stehlar and Rob McNally for their previous service on the Planning Board and extend a welcome to Mark Zimmerman to the Planning Board. They are currently working on attempting to get approval to paint the viaduct. Reminder: The Board is now two members short and would welcome anyone to contact the Village Office if interested in serving on the Board.

POLICE:

The Board still has not yet met with the CSEA Police Union for negotiations. There has also 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.

GRANT INFO:

We are pleased to announce that the Village has been awarded \$4,835.50 for a JCAP grant which was submitted by the Village Court for a security system that would benefit both the Village and Town Offices. Thanks to Court Clerk Pam Yasses and Trustee Ken Lauer for their work on obtaining this grant.

The Village also received \$1,134.30 from the Department of Justice for reimbursement towards bulletproof vest purchases. Thanks to Officer Rich Retzlaff for submitting the paperwork.

DISSOLUTION STUDY:

The Village Board had a meeting with Christopher Grant from the Department of State for information on a mini study of the feasibility, pros and cons of dissolving the Village. This study would be at no charge to the Village. One of the requirements is the formation of a Steering Committee which includes representatives from both the Village and the Town. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Steering Committee, please contact the Village Office. It is important that members of this committee be able to attend any meetings set up and to see it through until a determination is made.

ELECTIONS:

Ken Lauer and Art Ianni were re-elected in the March elections and sworn in for their two-year term at the April 7th Village Organizational meeting. Several other Village employees were also reappointed and issued the Oath of Office. For detailed information see meeting minutes on the Village website at corfuny.com.

GENERAL INFO:

Don't forget to check the Community page and throughout the newsletter for upcoming events in the area. Support your local churches, groups and organizations. Also be sure not to miss the "Cost of Freedom Tribute Wall" June 11th – 15th at the Pembroke Town Park. It is an honor to have it in our Town and is expected to attract tens of thousands of visitors to the area. It is a unique opportunity to honor those who selflessly serve and protect us.

it was a long, cold winter this year. I thought I'd mention the winter of 1944-45, which was known as the "Winter of Snow". There is a Town historical brochure on "The Winter of 1944-45" written by Lois Brockway and Shirley Kern. The following information is from that brochure.

- December 12-18, 1944: the Town got 18" of snow with below zero temperatures. Schools were closed.
- December 20 & 28, 1944: More snow storms, schools again close, some roads down to one lane.
- January 1-4, 1945: Town got 19" snow, schools closed again.
- January 24, 1945: Another snow storm closed schools.
- January 31 – February 3, 1945: Major snow storm closed schools, stranded cars and slowed rail travel.
- February 6, 1945: Many businesses ordered to close due to fuel shortage.
- February 8, 1945: Heavy snow storm plugged roads. Many had to be hand shoveled because plows couldn't move the snow. Schools open to those who could make it.
- February 12, 1945: More snow and high winds.
- February 16, 1945: Temperatures finally got above freezing. Had thunderstorms. About 12" of the snow melted and some streets flooded.
- February 24-27, 1945: Another heavy snow storm with high winds. Schools again closed.
- Early March 1945: Had a major thaw. Some roads were flooded with 2 feet of water. (March 9th was 60 degrees, March 15th was 70 degrees)
- March 22, 1945: Another snow storm with 12" snow. Schools closed.
- March 29, 1945: Temperatures hit 80 degrees as Spring finally arrived.

The May 7th Town of Pembroke Historical Program at Pembroke Town Hall will be a

8/13/2014	Kiss & Def Leppard	7:00 PM
8/16/2014	Luke Bryan, Lee Brice & Cole Swindell	7:00 PM
8/21/2014	Carnivores Tour: Linkin Park, 30 Seconds To Mars & AFI	6:30 PM
8/22/2014	The Goo Goo Dolls & Daughtry	7:00 PM
8/29/2014	Miranda Lambert, Justin Moore & Thomas Rhett	7:30 PM
8/31/2014	Motley Crue & Alice Cooper	7:00 PM
9/4/2014	Rascal Flatts, Sheryl Crow & Gloriana	7:30 PM
	KINGDOM BOUND Sunday 8/3 - Wednesday 8/6	



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



TOWN OF PEMBROKE



“COST OF FREEDOM
TRIBUTE WALL”
At Pembroke Town Park
JUNE 11-15, 2014
(See pg.4 for more info)
Sponsored by
Oakfield-Alabama
American Legion Post 626

**AT CORFU
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



Hungry Bear Breakfast
Sun, April 27
Bring your Appetite!

For more info call
Dorothy at 599-4588

TOWN OF PEMBROKE



**Pembroke Historical Program
at Pembroke Town Hall**

Wed. May 7, 2014 7:00 pm
“Share Your Pictures” Night

Brick House Fair
September 8, 2014

**BOY SCOUTS
FUNDRAISER**



Scout Fundraiser at Denny’s
Wednesday, May 7th
4:00 – 10:00 pm

**SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

**CORFU PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



**BARGAIN BASEMENT
SALE**
JUNE 6 & 7, 2014
GREAT DEALS!

For more info call
Dorothy at 599-4588

**BOY SCOUTS
BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**



Saturday, May 3
From 9:00 am- 3:00 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



WENDEL'S CHICKEN BBQ

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014

11:00 AM – until sold out

Adults \$9, Kids 5-12 \$6

AT CORFU GRANGE HALL

RTE 77 (Across from School)

Portion of Proceeds to support

“Words for Thirds” Dictionary

Project

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 July through early October contact

the Village Office and we can put it in the next quarterly issue of the Village Newsletter.