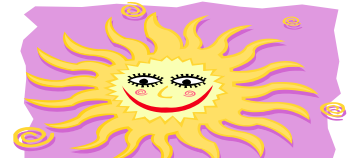


VILLAGE OF CORFU

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

SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

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

COURT HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 12:00pm

VILLAGE ROLL-OFF

**DUE TO BUDGET CUTS
THE NEXT ROLL-OFF IS
SCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 13th & 14th**

Roll-off hours are
Friday 3:00pm – 6:00pm and
Saturday 8:00am – 11:00am
**THERE WILL ALSO BE ONE
SCHEDULED IN SPRING OF 2014.
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN
JANUARY NEWSLETTER.**

CORFU FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Happy Summer Everyone! We would like to thank everyone for making our Palm Sunday Chicken BBQ a success. We got to see so many of our friends and neighbors and we sold out in less than 2 hours! Our drive thru service and free delivery were quite a hit. We hosted a fishing raffle on April 20th at the Darien Fire Hall. There were 15 prizes on the main ticket including the grand prize of a 4 person fishing charter trip.

Since we have purchased the Jaws of Life, the next area we will be concentrating on is replacing turnout gear. Per legal requirements, all turnout gear must be replaced every 10 years. The cost of the gear is high, over \$2150.00 per set. So we thank everyone for their fund drive donations and for attending our functions. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, stop by any Monday or see a member. Remember, you don't need to have a desire to fight fires. We also have members that just wanted to join and help with our functions!

DINE AT DENNY'S TO SUPPORT THE FIRE DEPT.

WED. SEPTEMBER 25TH 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

SEE AD ON COMMUNITY PAGE

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 encouraged to attend!!!

Meeting minutes can be found on the website:

corfuny.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Trustee Art Ianni bianni_41@yahoo.com

Code Enforcement Officer:

John Good john_good@msn.com

NEW CITIZEN'S COMMITTEES ARE BEING FORMED BY VILLAGE RESIDENTS

ETHICS COMMITTEE

The newly-formed Corfu Citizens Committee is planning its first organizational meeting for mid-July spokesperson Pam Ware announced. This ad hoc committee will provide a forum for members and attendees to get involved in the community and express their concerns outside of the board meetings and public hearings. Interested parties can call Pam Ware at 599-3817.

POLICE COMMITTEE

**IF INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT DAVE STEHLAR**

AT 599-7017

MAYOR & TRUSTEE UPDATE

Mayor Ralph T. Peterson

Sewer Project:

The DEC has approved the transfer of Project funds to the Village to address the funding short fall of \$750, 000 for our portion of the Sewer Project. The Town of Pembroke (TP) agreed to contribute funds to address the Village funding shortfall. Without TP assistance this Project would be at risk.

Public Safety

The resignation of the Police Administrator saved the Village \$28,000 and as Mayor I have assumed the lawful responsibility for managing the Police Department. These changes have improved communications with other departments, reduced tension, and restored the teamwork attitude required to meet Corfu's public safety goals.

The month of July will be challenging 15 of the 21 concerts occurring this month. Darien Lake's concert schedule will create a situation that will have approximately over 200, 000 people past through our Village in the next 25 days. Attempts to add any additional officers for this time period was denied by the board of trustees. At this time the Board and I are at an impasse on police resource availability for the community.

A formal request for \$11,000 has been made to Darien Lake to assist the Village for the additional police coverage because of their events. I will be working on a method to communicate to the community the situations encountered addressing by the Corfu Police Department. The public needs become aware of the great job our police department is doing and recognize the need for police.

A Citizen's Police Committee has been created, Dave Stehlar is the Chairman, and the purpose of this committee will be to make public safety suggestions to the Mayor for evaluation. Mr. Stehlar has been have given total authority over this committee. Dave has the authority to choose the members, and manage the committee in the manner he feels is required to meet the goals he has established. He will be the Mayor's only committee contact person. Art Ianni is the Police Committee Board Representative. Dave and I have had several conversations related to our Police Department we both want what is best for the community. Dave has taken on a very important task and special thanks to Dave for taking on this task.

Maintenance Department:

The relationship between the Police and Maintenance Departments has improved. These improvements have reduced police vehicle downtime. Improving communications and teamwork concepts were the concepts used to

accomplish these results. With the passing of the resolution to accept project bids project work can start.

Administration/Office:

The lack of understanding of the lawful authority of the Mayor by employees and Trustees has made my first three-month as Mayor interesting. I want to insure the people who are responsible for me becoming the Mayor of Corfu I remain steadfast.

I have been working with NYCOM to gain a better understanding of my lawful authority and my responsibilities as Mayor. I have the authority manage all Village Departments. I have the legal right to have access to all files and to make sure all records are recorded properly. Attempts are being made to work with the all of the Village staff. We have been successful with the Maintenance, Court, and Police however we are struggling with the Office Staff. For us to improve we must communicate and understand the authority of the Mayor.

As Mayor office hours, will be used to learn and understand the day-to-day task of the office and identify opportunity for improvements.

Office hours are required to understand the records retention process, acquire an understanding of how we do things, evaluate our computers and software, discuss methods/process to identify how we record incoming communications and classify communications, identify records locations, develop a plan to reduce document storage space, Also the Village computers systems/ software are outdated, and our electronic communication must be upgraded, and A NYCOM approved file backup process/procedures need to be implemented.

Summary

I assumed the office of Mayor on April 1, 2013. My research since taking office discovered there is a lot of work to be done to bring our office staff functions up to 2013 standards. We have several legal issues pending because of the actions taken before April 1, 2013.

Mayor has lawful rights and responsibilities that allow the Mayor to meet the governing and management standards defined by law. During these three months employees, residents, trustees and myself have not understood these issues. This situation has been complicated by past practices that were followed that were incorrect. I will continue to investigate and learn how to use my lawful authority to overcome the obstacles that keep me from fulfilling the commitment I made to the voters. My goals as Mayor have not changed I trying change the tone from of communication from confrontational to teamwork. This has truly been a struggle. I realized my comments will not set well with some employees, trustees and residents. However, I must be truthful in my evaluation of the Village business at this time to the residents. I will remain focused on the goals I

promised. Thank you for your support everyone have a safe, healthy and blessed summer.

I have set Friday August 16, 2013 Corfu Day at Dwyer Stadium, The home of the Batavia Muckdogs. I have arranged for discount tickets, \$1.00 off the standard ticket price. Contact the Village Office. Lets have a great time at the game.

NOTE: The above submission was reprinted exactly as received from Mayor Ralph Peterson.

FROM TRUSTEE KEN LAUER:

I have two items I would like to mention;

1. Work on Rt. 77 through the Village is near completion. Much of the work is fantastic and it certainly makes a world of difference for the CSX Railroad viaduct cement, sidewalks, and railings. We are aware that the viaduct still needs a coat of paint and we will pursue that with CSX and the NYS Dept. of Transportation (DOT). Any assistance village residents can provide in calling CSX, local representatives and DOT is welcome!

There were some surprises that materialized in the Rt. 77 project including the installation of a sidewalk on the West side of the road. This did create issues for many residents. We appreciate the effort they took in bringing this to the attention of the village and working so diligently to try and make the finished product look nice. There is still a danger with the sidewalk and how it ends at the viaduct and we hope residents realize that crossing Rt. 77 at that location is not safe. We will continue to try and get answers from the DOT on what can be done to rectify this situation.

2. Thank you to all the village residents who have been attending village meetings and those who offered their assistance on committees. It is a pleasure to have so many residents show they care about the village.

FROM TRUSTEE ART IANNI:

I would like to see the residents of Corfu form a new committee, a "Celebration and Beautification Committee". As we know, the budget is tight and monies were cut. This committee could raise money both 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. I can remember the centennial celebration in 1968. I 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!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

- In 1868 the Village of Corfu was incorporated.
- In 1968 the Village held the Centennial Celebration of 100 years of the Village of Corfu being incorporated. People dressed in period costumes, there was a beard growing contest, parade, entertainment and all kinds of food.
- In 1926, 100 rail cars of flowers per week were being shipped from Corfu.
- In 1936 the Village Mayor was paid \$100 per year, mileage was 5 cents a mile.
- Top number of years served as Mayor of Corfu: William Ehmann – 16 years, Ralph Bunting – 9 years, Todd Skeet – 8 years.
- Eva Kriger was the first female Village Trustee in 1957.
- Elaine Hensel was Corfu's first female Mayor and the first female Mayor in Genesee County. She was Mayor from 1991-1995.
- In 1973 the Corfu Fire Dept served 12,000 chicken barbecues to Fisher Price at Darien Lake. The Fire Dept. served over 20,000 dinners over that summer.
- Be sure to stop by and see our new display at the Town History room at Pembroke Town Hall.

DON'T FORGET!!

Brick House Corners Fair - Celebrating our 28th year
Saturday, September 7th at the Town Hall grounds

The fair offers crafts, demonstrations, music, food, exhibits, pie baking contest, a Chinese auction and so much more!

COMING SOON! 2018 CORFU SESQICENTENNIAL! LET'S CELEBRATE!

DARIEN LAKE CONCERTS

				<u>Supporting Groups</u>
7/18/2013	THU	5:30PM	BOB DYLAN	Wilco, My Morning Jacket
7/19/2013	FRI	7:00PM	JONAS BROTHERS	
7/21/2013	SUN	7:00PM	TOBY KEITH	Kip Moore
7/28/2013	SUN	6:30PM	BIG TIME RUSH	Victoria Justice
7/30/2013	TUE	7:00PM	LIL WAYNE	T.I. & Future
8/11/2013	SUN	2:00PM	ROCKSTAR ENERGY UPROAR FEST	Alice in Chains, Janes Addiction Coheed
8/13/2013	TUE	7:30PM	JOHN MAYER	Phillip Phillips
8/17/2013	SAT	7:30PM	JASON ALDEAN	Jake Owen, Thomas Rett
8/23/2013	FRI	6:30PM	THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND	Steve Winwood
9/04/2013	WED	7:00PM	MAROON 5	Kelly Clarkson, Tony Luca
9/07/2013	SAT	6:00PM	RASCAL FLATTS	

Kingdombound Sun 8/4 - Wed 8/7

LYNDONVILLE TIGERS 2013 SEASON SCHEDULE

Sat, 7/20/13	5:00 PM	@ Southern Tier Diesel
Sat, 7/27/13	5:00 PM	Vs. Buffalo Gladiators (Home)
Sat, 8/3/13	5:00 PM	Vs. Nickel City Kings (Home)
Sat, 8/10/13	5:00 PM	@ WNY Dragons

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Darien Lakes State Park

10475 Harlow Road
Darien Center, NY 14040
585-547-9242

Concerts

The German American Musicians

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 7pm - 9pm

Ghost Riders

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 7pm - 9pm

NY Rockin Revue

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 7pm - 9pm

**OUR LADY OF
GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH**
10675 Alleghany Road, Darien



CHICKEN BARBECUE

Sunday, August 11, 2013

Noon until sold out

Dine in, take outs available

Adults - \$9.50

Children 5-10 yrs. - \$3.00

Under 5 - free

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CORFU FIRE DEPT



**Meet every Monday Night
Stop in for a tour!
Looking for Volunteers
Support Your Local
Firefighters & EMTs**



**CONGRATULATIONS
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CLASS OF 2013
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CORFU LIBRARY HOURS

<p>HOURS MONDAY 10-2 TUESDAY 2-8 WEDNESDAY 10-2 THURSDAY 2-8 FRIDAY 2-8</p>
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Reminder:

When the Pembroke Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Library is also closed

ST. JOHN'S LAWN FETE

2021 SANDRIDGE RD., ALDEN
7/19 FRIDAY- 5 PM - 1 AM
7/20 SATURDAY - 1 PM - 1 AM
7/21 SUNDAY - 12 NOON - 5 PM



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MARY NUWER AT
716-937-7888

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If your group or organization has an event coming up in late October 2013 through early January 2014