



VILLAGE OF CORFU

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

WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

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

NEW 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 2 Members!

The Village would like to thank Dave Saleh and Dave Stehlar for their services on the Planning Board. They are both resigning as members of the Planning Board and the Village will need two new members. Now is your chance to get involved and help your Village. Please contact the Village Office if interested in becoming a Planning Board Member.

CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS

The Republican Caucus will be held Wednesday,
January 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

The Democratic Caucus will be held Tuesday,
January 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Both Caucuses will be held at the Community
Center.

Village elections will take place Tuesday March
18, 2014 at the Community Center between 12
noon and 9:00 pm.

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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Dep. Mayor Dave Bielec deputymayor@corfuny.com
Trustee Keith Busch susbus5@aol.com
Trustee Ken Lauer ken@kesyoni.com
Trustee Art Ianni bianni_41@yahoo.com

Code Enforcement Officer:

John Good john_good@msn.com

WINTERFEST 2014



Winterfest 2014 will be held on Saturday,
January 25, 2014 from 12 noon to 8:00 pm.

There will be new entertainment,
new vendors and a teen dance from
5:00 – 8:00 pm with the band Inside Out.

Be sure to reserve the date to join the
community for some fun and entertainment.
More details follow later in the newsletter.
For further information contact Pam Ware at
599-3817

BOARD CONNECTION

Mayor Ralph Peterson has extended his medical leave until April 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 and offering their assistance on committees. It is a pleasure to have so many residents show an interest in the village.

MAINTENANCE:

The Village Board would like to announce that Mike Smith, who has worked in Village Maintenance since March 2008, has resigned. The Board would like to thank Mike for his years of service with the Village. He will be missed. After several interviews, at the meeting of January 13, 2014 the Village Board announced the Village will be hiring Jay Feitshans as a part-time maintenance worker to work alongside Jesse Stocking.

We would like to commend Jesse Stocking and Norm Waff for their tireless work cleaning up after our latest blizzard. We hope all our residents got through the blizzard without any major mishaps.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

The new "Celebration and Beautification Committee" has been focusing on the upcoming Winterfest on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Judging from the 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. This committee can start 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 moving along well. The Town of Pembroke has been laying pipe along Route 77. 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. Village of Corfu maintenance and Camden Group have been working alongside the contractors and electricians. The Bond has been obtained and we are still 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, contact the Village office or check meeting minutes on our website corfuny.com.

There has been significant inflow and infiltration in the sewer lines. Camden group will be conducting smoke and dye testing in the near future. Fliers will be sent when more details are determined.

SEWER BILLING:

Beginning with this January 2014 quarterly billing, the sewer rate has increased 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. This will now make the minimum charge per quarter \$31.20 based on the 5000 gallon minimum at the new rate.

POLICE:

The Village Police are now part of the CSEA Local 1000 Union. The Board has not yet met with the Union for negotiations due to delays on the Union's part. 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.

PLANNING BOARD:

There was a joint meeting with the Village Board and Planning Board on October 22, 2013. The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss updating the Village Comprehensive plan, get 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. At present, due to the pending shortage of members on the Planning Board, the committee has been put on hold.

GRANT INFO:

J. O'Connell & Associates representative Graham Bowman met with the Village Board at the December 9 2013 meeting regarding a grant application to the NYS Department of State for a study of the feasibility, pros and cons of dissolving the Village. The grant would determine if dissolution would be beneficial to the Village of Corfu and Town of Pembroke. It was found that the Village would have to provide 50% (over \$20,000) up-front matching funds for the grant. The Board is looking at other options. More detailed information is included with the minutes of the December 9th meeting on the Village website.

We are pleased to announce that the Village is being awarded \$1200.00 through the Go-Art grant that was submitted to help pay some of the expenses for the upcoming Winterfest.

An application for the JCAP grant has been submitted by the Village Court for a security system that would benefit both the Village and Town Offices. Results are unknown as of yet.

BUDGET:

It's that time of year again and Budget meetings have been scheduled for January 20th, February 3rd and 17th at 6:30 pm. The meetings will be held in the Community Center. The Board would appreciate the feedback of the residents during these trying financial times. All of these meetings are open to the public. These are your tax dollars at work.

ELECTIONS:

We want to remind you that the Republican Caucus will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm and the Democratic Caucus will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Both Caucuses will be held at the Community Center. You do have a say in who represents you in Village government. Attend your party caucus and speak up!

Village elections will take place Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Community Center between 12 noon and 9:00 pm.

Get involved! It's your Village!

GENERAL INFO:

Don't forget to check the Community page for upcoming events in the area. Winterfest information spread throughout the newsletter. There will be a wide variety of new vendors, group fundraisers, information tables, entertainment and all kinds of food!

Come join the fun!



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.



REMINDER for WINTERFEST!

Bring nonperishable food items for area food pantries & receive door prize tickets.

Donate canned & dry pet foods & get door prize tickets for Emergency Pet First Aid Kit & other goodies.

New Vendor:

Volunteers for Animals – Genesee County Animal Shelter

2014 CORFU/PEMBROKE WINTERFEST **VENDORS, CRAFTERS & FUND RAISING GROUPS**

- Keating Metal Spinning – Lamp restoration, Handmade brass lamps
- Sweet Dream Maple Farm – Maple Syrup Products, Honey
- YWCA Artisans at North Street – Quality handcrafted items
- Country Treasures – Chair & antique caning & restorations
- Garbecks Creek – Natural products for home & health
- Harper Hill Farm – Goat milk soaps
- Heaven's Gate Floral & Gifts – Flowers, plants & gifts
- Wishful Thinking – Scrabble tile pendants & jewelry
- Kozy Kabin – Custom made wood plaques, beeswax candles
- Kitty Krazed Kat Treats – Organic catnip treats
- Pembroke Wood Turners – Hand crafted natural wood products
- Boy Scout Troop 6066 – Yancey's Fancy cheese, candy bars, popcorn, meatball sandwiches
- Dollars for Scholars – Lottery tree, scenic postcards, candy bars, coffee, hot chocolate
- Pembroke HS Class of 2015 – Local business discount cards
- National Honor Society – Fund raiser
- Pembroke HS Class of 2014 – Richley's pulled-pork fund raiser
- Girl Scout troop 42110 – Pinecone bird seed craft
- Pembroke HS Cheerleaders – Tacos in a bag, hot & cold cider, donut holes
- Pembroke Youth Athletics – Hot dogs, hamburgs, chips, soda, water, candy
- Corfu Free Library – Chicken BBQ – preorder sales 585-599-3321
- VFW Post 9000 – 50/50 Raffle, candy bars
- Indian Falls Methodist Church – Chili, oyster crackers, bake sale, desserts
- Cost of Freedom Tribute American Legion Post 626 – Koozies & wrist bands
- Kiwanis of CPD – Lottery tree & reflective house numbers

DON'T MISS THE BASKET RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES SET UP IN THE COURTROOM!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

Historical Tidbits!

- In 1870, East Main Street was briefly known as Batavia Street.
- From 1878-1886 John McGraw was a teacher in Corfu School. He became the principal in 1886. John married Mildred Whittlesey of Corfu. When he resigned from the Corfu School they moved to New York City. In 1902 he formed the McGraw Publishing Company. In 1909 he merged with the John Hill Company forming the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. They became the largest publisher of text books in the world. Mr. and Mrs. McGraw often came back and visited Corfu.
- On 11/13/1885, 40 carloads of farm goods were shipped by rail out of Corfu.
- A traveling Tent Show of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" performed in Corfu on 6/15/1888. They performed in a tent near the Depot on Railroad Street (now Maple Ave).
- On 3/22/1889, 26 cars of a freight train derailed one mile west of Corfu.
- A herd of Mustangs were driven through Corfu on 9/7/1888.
- On 2/9/1934 it was a little "cold" in Corfu. The temperature reached -30 degrees, the coldest in recorded history for Corfu. The "official" low for Genesee County was in Batavia at -28 degrees. (Bergen was reported at -39 and Pavilion at -40). 17 of the 28 days of February were below zero.

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**Remember the Winterfest is January 25th. I will have a display on
Recreation in Pembroke through the years.**

**First Town of Pembroke Historical Program at Pembroke Town Hall
Wed. April 2, 2014 7:00 pm: "The Blizzard of 77" by Richard Rudolph
It is free and you don't have to be a member to attend.**

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 HISTORIAN, AL STARKWEATHER
"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**

**ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY INCLUDING:
CORFU/PEMBROKE COMMUNITY BAND 12-2 pm
MAGIC BY LARRY KOHORST 2:30-4:00 pm
DANCE INFERNO with the band INSIDE OUT 5-8 pm**

**OTHER FUN THINGS INCLUDING:
ARTISAN DISPLAYS & DEMOS
BASKET RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES (Courtroom)
SKYHUNTERS BIRDS OF PREY (Conference room)
BALLOONS
NEW VENDORS, CRAFTERS & GROUPS
VFW 50/50 RAFFLE**

AND MORE!!!

**GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SAFE CHILD I.D. NOON – 3:00 PM
AND ALL KINDS OF FOOD (So Bring Your Appetite!)**

Genesee County Community Information Tables- ARC, Office for the Aging, Health Dept. & More

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMPLETE LISTING OF PARTICIPANTS
CONTACT PAM WARE at 599-3817 or the Village Office at 599-3327

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



TOWN OF PEMBROKE



**STILL AVAILABLE!
BICENTENNIAL
HISTORY BOOK \$10.00 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, April 27th - 8:30-12:30
Bring your Appetite!**

For more info call
Dorothy at 599-4588

TOWN OF PEMBROKE



**Pembroke Historical Program at
Pembroke Town Hall**

**Wed. April 2, 2014 7:00 pm
“The Blizzard of 77”
by Richard Rudolph**

CORFU FIRE DEPT



**PALM SUNDAY
CHICKEN BBQ
April 13, 2014**

**Meet every Monday Night
Stop in for a tour!
Looking for Volunteers**

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



**FRUIT OF THE VINE
WINE TASTING FUND RAISER**

at E. P. CHURCH HALL
Friday, Feb. 21st
6:30 pm-9:00 pm
To purchase tickets, call the
Parish Office at 585-599-4833

**BOY SCOUTS
BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**



**Saturday, May 3rd
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**

Library closes on School Snow Days

BOY SCOUTS



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

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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 April through early July contact