



VILLAGE OF CORFU

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Corfu, NY 14036
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WINTER 2016 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

Open Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Court is held every 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of the month

Phone: 585-599-3380

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

Village Clerk clerk@corfuny.com
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Village Board:

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Trustee Art Ianni arthur.ianni.corfu@gmail.com
Trustee Al Graham pemcoach@rochester.rr.com
Trustee Jenny McMartin-Eck jennymcmartin@ymail.com

Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:

Craig Blake codeenforcement@corfuny.com

THE WINTERFEST COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Gary Herman/Bottle Junction-

For Recycling & Sponsoring Ice rink:

Tom Metz/ Insty-prints

For Winterfest Posters:

Paula Trapani/Doritex

For Donation of Floor mats

Dadio's – For Fundraising

And all the volunteers that have helped with the event!

CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS

The Republican Caucus will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

The Democratic Caucus will be held Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Both Caucuses will be held at the Community Center.

Village elections for two Trustee positions will take place

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Community Center between 12 noon and 9:00 pm.

WINTERFEST 2016



Winterfest 2016 will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will be a lot of local entertainment, including groups from Pembroke and surrounding schools. 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 the Village Office at 599-3327

BOARD CONNECTION

Happy New Year from your Village Board! It's been a pretty mild winter compared to last year (so far). We do hope for it to be cold enough for everyone to enjoy the skating rink during and after the Winterfest, but not too cold.

SEWER PROJECT:

The Sewer Project is completed and we have had a smooth transition with the new system. Potential new districts are being looked at. This has truly been a joint venture with the Town and a perfect example of working together for the good of the community. We would also like to thank Camden Group for their guidance and help throughout the project.

PLANNING BOARD:

The Planning Board has been working with Triton Homes regarding the potential small subdivision to be located on Fieldcrest Drive at the west end of the Village. The project paperwork is in its final stages. The Planning Board, along with Code Enforcement Officer Craig Blake, has also been working on solutions to take care of some of the abandoned or neglected properties in the Village. They are also actively working to develop a five-year plan for attracting new business to the Village. Any ideas and participation are welcome.

GRANTS:

The Village is pleased to announce the award of a \$1,832.23 grant from Genesee Orleans Regional Arts Council (Go-Art) for the upcoming Winterfest. The grant will help cover some of the costs for this annual community get-together. We have also been awarded a grant of \$2,360.00 towards DWI Patrols for 2016.

Village residents should have received a survey recently, which is to assist the Village in obtaining future grants for needed infrastructure improvements, such as drainage along Route 77 and other areas. The survey is necessary for many of the State and Federal grants that are available. We hope you took a few minutes to fill it out. All information goes to an outside consultant and is strictly confidential.

BUDGET:

It's that time of year again and the Board has begun work on the 2016-17 annual budget. Budget meetings have been scheduled for the following Mondays at 6:30 pm: January 18th, February 1st and 29th, March 7th and 21st. These are in addition to regular Board meetings.

The Board always appreciates the feedback of the residents during these trying financial times. All of these meetings are open to the public.

CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS:

We want to remind you that the Village Election will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Community Center between 12 noon and 9:00 pm. Positions to be filled are two (2) Trustees (4/4/16 - 4/3/18). You do have a say in who represents you in Village government. Attend your party caucus and speak up!

Democratic Caucus is on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Pembroke Community Center at 116 East Main Street.

Republican Caucus is on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Pembroke Community Center at 116 East Main Street.

MAINTENANCE:

Jesse has been kept very busy throughout the year. Besides his normal duties, he has spent quite a bit of time assisting (and keeping costs down) on the Sewer Project. This past season he was instrumental in getting Prospect Avenue paved and has been busy prepping the equipment for winter. For more info on some of many his projects, check out the maintenance reports in the minutes at www.corfuny.com.

POLICE:

Members of the Board on the negotiating committee recently met with the CSEA Union for negotiations on the Police Contract. They will be meeting again in the near future to further review and amend the proposed contract. It is still pending and new details will be passed on when they are available.

As representatives of the Village residents, on occasion we have received comments on the Village Police just being ticket writing machines and the Village referred to as a speed trap. Although some drivers may dispute it, we have confirmed that speeding tickets are only issued to drivers travelling in excess of 48 mph or more through the 35 mph zones. The safety of our residents, and especially our children, are the utmost concern. We also wanted to remind you that our officers handle much more than ticket writing.

As a new feature of the newsletter we would like to share and update you on some of the services our officers provide besides traffic enforcement. We are proud of the good working relationship we have with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and the assistance the officers provide for each other.

Below are just a **few** examples of assists and services provided by our officers from just the past 3 months (October 2015 – December 2015)

Assisted Genesee County Sheriffs (Outside Village):

- Domestic disturbance calls (3)
- Vehicle accident assists (4)
- Burglar Alarms (2) & Burglary in Progress (1)
- Erratic Driver, Suspicious Condition
- Assist in round up of loose horses

Non-traffic related violations & services in Village:

- Check on missing Senior Citizen (found)
- Respond to reported burglary
- Respond to neighbor dispute, harassment report
- Extinguished stove fire, preventing spread of fire
- Investigate erratic driver
- Arrests on unlawful possession of Marijuana
- Respond to fraud complaint
- Respond to motor vehicle accident and hit and run accident
- Found lost dog
- Numerous property checks

We would also like to commend our full-time Officer Mike Petritz for his generous efforts in arranging for and assisting with the Toy Drive for those in need at the Holiday time, in conjunction with the Corfu United Presbyterian Church. We plan to make it an Annual event.



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 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. Do not block sidewalks at any time!
- 2) Remember there is a parking ban on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from Nov. 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.



Corfu United Presbyterian Church News

The Corfu Presbyterian Church Mission Committee will be at the Corfu Winterfest this year holding a free soup tasting to inform the public of the Corfu Food Pantry that is located inside the church at 63 Allegheny Street. The Food Pantry is available for temporary assistance for anyone that finds a need. Hours of operation are the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 a.m. or by calling the church office at 599-6414. Also visitors at the Winterfest will have the opportunity to purchase a Lego Log to help build a house of hope for the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity. Lego pieces can be purchased for \$1.00 each, all of the proceeds will go to our local program in Genesee County. A house is in the process of construction now and can be seen on Pearl Street in the city of Batavia.

2016 CORFU/PEMBROKE WINTERFEST VENDORS, CRAFTERS & FUND RAISING GROUPS

- CORFU HISTORIAN AL STARKWEATHER – “MUSIC HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD” DISPLAY
- CORFU FREE LIBRARY – CHICKEN BBQ – PREORDER SALES 585-599-3321
- INDIAN FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – CHILI, BAKE SALE
- CORFU UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – FREE SOUP TASTING – LEGO HOUSE PIECES TO BENEFIT GENESEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
- SEAJAY'S CREATIONS – TURNED WOOD ITEMS
- YOUNG LIVING ESSENTIAL OILS – BATH SALTS, LIP BALMS, HAND SOAP AND MORE
- CORFU GARDEN CLUB – BIRD FEEDER RAFFLE, INFORMATION SHEETS
- VFW POST 9000 – 50/50 RAFFLE, CANDY BARS
- PYA CHEERLEADERS – BASKET RAFFLE
- PEMBROKE DECA – HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS
- DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS – LOTTERY TREE, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE
- TUPPERWARE PRODUCTS
- HEARTFELT PRODUCTS – FELT BOOKS & WALL ACTIVITIES
- CROSSROADS HOUSE
- SWEET DREAM MAPLE FARM – MAPLE PRODUCTS

AND MANY MORE!!!!

IN THE KID'S KORNER (FIREMEN'S ROOM) – CORFU FD (ACTIVITIES), PAUL SCHULER BALLOONS, PEMBROKE ART CLUB (FACE PAINTING), KID'S GIVEAWAYS - AND MORE!

GEN. CO. SHERIFF – SAFE CHILD ID, K-9 DEMO WITH DESTRO

UNDER THE BIG TOP – COMMUNITY BAND, PEMBROKE CENTRAL SCHOOL ENSEMBLES, ALEXANDER SCHOOL ENSEMBLE, DSP JAZZ TRIO

IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM – PEMBROKE ART CLUB DISPLAY

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

Historical Tidbit!

With this being an Election year thought you might find this interesting:

In 1888, Grover Cleveland was running for President and there was a “Tallyho” Wagon campaign for him in Genesee County. A “Tallyho” was several men who went out and campaigned for a candidate. The wagon was manned by several speakers and a drum corps.

On the second day of the Genesee County campaign they stopped in Indian Falls for dinner and made a quick stop in Richville (Pembroke). Then it was on to Corfu, considered the main cog in western Genesee County. They entered Corfu with their Drum Corps playing “Yankee Doodle”. In Corfu they were greeted by the largest crowd they ever had, outside Buffalo or Rochester. People had gathered there from six counties.

After a big meeting in the afternoon, quite a party followed. They devoured a 1000 pound barbecued ox and a lot of beer. Pandemonium followed with people dodging beer bottles and chairs, but only three fights broke out.

The campaign group finally went to bed about 3:00 am at the Union Hotel and left for Darien at 9:00 am.

Remember the Winterfest is January 30th! Stop by and see my Display about Music History in Corfu and the Town of Pembroke!

The Village “Celebration & Beautification Committee” needs volunteers and will be looking forward to 2018 when the Village celebrates 150 years of being incorporated. Village Historian Al Starkweather and Trustee Art Ianni are willing to work with those interested in setting up a 2018 Sesquicentennial celebration.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact the Village Office.

DON'T MISS WINTERFEST 2015 – SAT. JAN. 30, 2016: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Bring canned goods & nonperishables for Door Prize Tickets to benefit area food/meals programs!

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION
BY HISTORIAN, AL STARKWEATHER
“MUSIC HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD!”**

IN THE COURTROOM

MAGIC BY LARRY KOHORST 11:30 am-1:00 pm

ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY INCLUDING:

CORFU/PEMBROKE COMMUNITY BAND 10-11:30 am

DSP JAZZ TRIO: 12 noon – 1:00 pm

PEMBROKE SCHOOL ENSEMBLE 1:15 – 3:15 pm

ALEXANDER SCHOOL ENSEMBLE 3:30 – 5:00 pm

OUTSIDE EVENTS INCLUDING:

WEATHER PERMITTING – (Bring Skates & Sled)

ICE SKATING RINK

SLEDDING & BONFIRE

K-9 DEMO – DESTRO & OFFICER ERION 12:00 NOON

OTHER FUN THINGS INCLUDE:

ARTISAN DISPLAYS & DEMOS

PYA BASKET RAFFLE

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

NEW VENDORS, CRAFTERS & GROUPS

IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM – PEMBROKE ART CLUB SHOW

KID'S KORNER – A roomful of youth-based activities and giveaways in the Firemans' Room.

ALSO ALL KINDS OF DELICIOUS FOOD (So bring your appetite!)

Chili – Baked Goods – Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Corfu Free Library Chicken BBQ – pre-sale tickets 585-599-3321

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMPLETE LISTING OF PARTICIPANTS

CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE at 599-3327

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?



The Planning Board and Village Board have been trying to work with CSX and NYS DOT to get our Viaduct painted. If you would like to join in on trying to help beautify Corfu, contact the Village Office for more info on the Corfu "Beautification Committee."

CAUCUSES

Democrat - Thursday
January 21, 2016 – 6:30 pm
Republican - Tuesday
January 19, 2016 – 5:30 pm
Voting for: 2 Trustees

ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH
GET OUT & VOTE!



ICE RINK OPEN
BEHIND FIRE HALL

(Weather Permitting)
Ice Skating Rink is
Available for residents' use
Both Day & Night!
Bring a shovel, your skates,
Be careful and Have Fun!

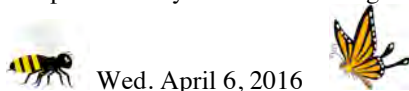
CORFU FIRE DEPT



PALM SUNDAY
CHICKEN BBQ
March 20, 2016
(Take Out Only)
FD meets every Monday Night
Stop in for a tour!
Looking for Volunteers

TOWN OF PEMBROKE
HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

Wed. February 3, 2016
Who Do You Think You Are?
How to start your Family History
presented by Joanne Cummings



Wed. April 6, 2016
Program on Bees & Butterflies
By Paul Trowbridge

For more info contact the Town Clerk
at 585-599-4892

CORFU FIRE DEPT



SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE
HUNTING, FISHING & MORE
APRIL 16, 2016 at
DARIEN FIRE HALL
\$20.00/TICKET
Includes Dinner
For more info contact
Greg Lang – 585-507-9245

CORFU LIBRARY NEWS



Library Hours
Mon. 10:00–2:00; Tues. 2:00 – 8:00
Wed. 10:00–2:00; Thu. 2:00–8:00
Friday 3:00 – 8:00
Closed Saturday and Sunday
On School Snow Days Library is closed.
Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30 am
Come in & check out our new
Books and Movies

BOY SCOUT
TROOP 67



Looking for new members
To enjoy the world of scouting
Must be 10 ½ years old or
Have completed the 5th grade.

For more info contact:
Charlie Lenhard
585-599-3748

CORFU LIBRARY NEWS

Board Game Night
Jan. 22 at 6:30 PM



Popular board games will be on the
table for fun and competitive play.
Open to children ages 4 and up and
interested adults

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

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