



## VILLAGE OF CORFU

116 East Main Street  
Corfu, NY 14036  
Office: 585-599-3327  
Court: 585-599-3380

WINTER 2017 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday of the month

Phone: 585-599-3380

**THE WINTERFEST COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CORFU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOR MAKING THE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEARS WINTERFEST**

**And thanks to all the volunteers that have helped with the event!**

### **CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS**

*The Republican Caucus will be held Monday January 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm.*

*The Democratic Caucus has not yet been determined.*

*Village elections for Mayor, Village Justice and two 2-yr Trustee positions and one 1-yr Trustee position will take place Tuesday, March 21, 2017 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 **WEDNESDAY** of the month at 7:00 pm.

*The public is welcome to attend!!!*

Meeting minutes can be found on the website:

**[www.corfuny.com](http://www.corfuny.com)**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Village Clerk [clerk@corfuny.com](mailto:clerk@corfuny.com)  
Village Deputy [deputyclerk@corfuny.com](mailto:deputyclerk@corfuny.com)  
Court Clerk [corfuvillagecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:corfuvillagecourt@yahoo.com)

### **Village Board:**

Mayor Joseph Johnson [mayor@corfuny.com](mailto:mayor@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Ken Lauer [ken@kesyoni.com](mailto:ken@kesyoni.com)  
Trustee Al Graham [pemcoach@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pemcoach@rochester.rr.com)  
Trustee Jenny McMartin-Eck [jennymcmartin@ymail.com](mailto:jennymcmartin@ymail.com)

### **Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:**

Brian Schollard [codeenforcement@corfuny.com](mailto:codeenforcement@corfuny.com)

### **WINTERFEST 2017**



Winterfest 2017 will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

**At the Pembroke Intermediate School.**

There will be local entertainment, including groups from Pembroke and surrounding schools.

Be sure to save 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! The Corfu Fire Department, Corfu Presbyterian Church and Corfu Police would like to thank those who generously donated to the Toy and Food Drive over the holidays. It was a great success!!!

**PLANNING BOARD:** We would like to thank Craig Blake for his services as Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer. Craig resigned his positions at the beginning of January. Brian Schollard will be appointed to the positions pending Civil Service approval. Also please note Planning Board meetings have been changed to the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Your input is always welcome!

## **GRANTS:**

The Village is pleased to announce the award of a \$1,445 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. The Village has also been awarded \$4,185.00 for the 2017 STOP-DWI Program.

## **BUDGET:**

It's that time of year again and the Board has begun work on the 2017-18 annual budget. Budget meetings will be scheduled beginning in February. Please call the office for meeting dates. They will also be listed in the Daily News as soon as determined. 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 21, 2017 at the Community Center between 12 noon and 9:00 pm. Positions to be filled are:

Mayor (1)	Term ----- 2 Years	4/04/17 – 4/02/19
Trustee (2)	Term ----- 2 Years	4/04/17 – 4/02/19
Trustee (1)	Term ----- 1 Year	4/04/17 – 4/03/18
Village Justice (1)	Term----- 4 Years	4/04/17 – 4/06/21

You do have a say in who represents you in Village government. Attend your party caucus and speak up!

**Democratic Caucus** has not been determined as of yet.

**Republican Caucus** is on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at 116 East Main Street, Corfu.

**MAINTENANCE:** Don't forget if any vehicles are parked across the sidewalks or large amounts of snow pushed onto the sidewalk, Jesse will be unable to plow those sections of sidewalk. Be considerate!

## **POLICE:**

Members of the Board on the negotiating committee continue to meet with the CSEA Union for negotiations on the Police Contract. It is still pending and new details will be passed on when they are available.

**SEWER:** Plans are still underway for the TA Truck Stop to connect into the Sewer system. You can get more detailed information from the minutes on the Corfu and Pembroke websites.



# CORFU/PEMBROKE WINTERFEST

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Pembroke Intermediate School, 58 Alleghany Road

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF  
Music & Entertainment, Food, Prizes, Raffles and Much More!

Music:

Food:

Corfu/Pembroke Community Band

Chicken BBQ by the Corfu Free Library/Corfu Fire Dept.

High Point Praise Band

Pre-sale tickets 585-599-3321

Pembroke School Band

Tacos in a Bag by High Point Community Church

Alexander Jazz Band

Indian Falls UMC – Chili & Bake Sale

Elba Jazz Band

Historian, Al Starkweather presents – History of the Area Churches

Vendors & Crafters

Basket Raffle

Children's Corner

Door Prizes

K-9 Demo – DESTRO & OFFICER ERION 10:00am – noon

(demo begins at 11:00am)

Genesee County Sheriff's Operation Safe Child I.D. Program

**Bring canned goods & non-perishables (to benefit area food/meal programs) for Door Prize Tickets!!**

"This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!"





**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 will not** 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. 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Vehicles in violation will be issued tickets and may be towed away. This is regardless of whether or not there is snow.

**RADON NEWS FROM GENESEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Genesee County, NY has been identified by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Health as having dangerous levels of radon gas concentrations in homes. No level of radon gas is safe and it can have a negative impact on people's health, especially if the concentration is elevated in a home.

The Genesee County Health Department received a grant that will continue until June 30, 2020. The Health Department is offering services to educate the community. There are home test kits, publications and an educational in-service available at no charge to those who have a home in Genesee County.

Anyone interested in a radon test kit and/or education can call the Genesee County Health Department at 585-344-2580 ext. 5555.



***21<sup>st</sup> Annual Betty Ellison Memorial  
"Strike Out" for Corssroads House  
Bowling Tournament***



**Dedicated to the Memory of Joe Gerace, long-time Crossroads House supporter and  
Champion in Community Service and Volunteerism**

**At Mancuso Bowling Center, 214 Main Street, Batavia**

**Friday, February 17, 2017 – 6:00 PM Lane Time  
Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 3:00 PM 7 6:00 PM Lane Times  
Sunday, February 19, 2017 – 1:00 PM Lane Time  
5 Person Team Fees - \$100**

Registration Forms available at Mancuso Bowling Center or  
Crossroads House, 11 Liberty Street, Batavia  
For additional information: See website at [www.crossroadshouse.com](http://www.crossroadshouse.com)  
or contact Cindy (585) 993-0584 or Tara (585) 409-0136

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**January 11–February 14–Crossroads House Annual Oliver's Chocolate Sucker Sale**

Suckers available at various businesses, banks and Crossroads House. You can preorder larger amounts for selling at your workplace, gifts for children or just enjoy by calling 585-343-3892 and arrange pickup.

**Heart shaped suckers sell for \$1.00 each.**

## **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL**

2017 is the Bi-Centennial of the Corfu United Presbyterian Church. Below is a brief history of the Village of Corfu Churches.

- The first formal religion in the area came with Reverend John Spencer, a Congregational Minister, who would occasionally visit the Corfu area (then called Longs Corners) from 1810-1817.
- **Corfu Presbyterian Church** (1817 – Present)  
The Reverend Hugh Wallis started the “First Presbyterian Society of Pembroke” July 2, 1817. Their church building was built in 1831 and is still in use.  
In 1831, the Presbytery dissolved this church and renamed it “The Presbyterian Church of North Pembroke”. It later became “The Corfu Presbyterian Church”.  
The Church had a major remodeling and expansion in 1957.
- **First Methodist Church of Corfu** (1845 – 1916)  
Was organized in 1845. The first church building was built on Alleghany in 1853.  
The original building was destroyed by fire in 1899.  
A new building was built in the same location in 1908.  
The Church disbanded in 1916. The “Odd Fellows Lodge” took over the building and met there until 2004. It is now privately owned.
- **First Baptist Church** (1856 – 1859)  
Was built at 6 W. Main Street in 1856  
Only one service was held here. It was then remodeled into a house.  
The Church disbanded in 1859.
- **St Luke’s Protestant Episcopal Church** (1876 – 1944)  
Was organized in 1876. The church building was built in 1880 at 42 Alleghany.  
It disbanded in 1944 and the building was remodeled into an apartment building.
- **All Soul’s Universalist Church** (1881 – 1914)  
Was organized in 1881. The building was built in 1883 near the Corfu School on Alleghany.  
The church dissolved in 1914 and the Corfu Grange took over the building.  
The building was moved to its current site in 1939. It is still the site of the Corfu Grange.
- **St. Maximillian Kolbe Roman Catholic Parish** (1898 – Present)  
In 1898 Father Francis Burns of the “Holy Name of Mary” in East Pembroke started the “St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church” in downtown Corfu (near current site of Buttercrumbs).  
It became an independent parish in 1906.  
In 1920 the building was moved to its current site at 16 West Main Street.  
In 2007 “St. Patrick’s” in Crittenden was closed and moved to “St. Francis”.  
In 2011 “Holy Name of Mary” and “St. Francis of Assisi” were merged to form “St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish”. Both churches remain open.

**Remember the Winterfest is January 28<sup>th</sup>!**

**Stop by and see my Display about the History of the Area Churches!**

WATCH FOR MONTHLY EVENTS COMING TO CELEBRATE THE  
“CORFU UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH” BICENTENNIAL THROUGHOUT 2017!

## **2018 VILLAGE OF CORFU SESQUICENTENNIAL**

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 is 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.



**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?



The Planning and Village Boards 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, contact the Village Office for more info on the Corfu "Beautification Committee."

**VILLAGE ELECTION**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>  
GET OUT & VOTE!



Positions to be filled:

- Mayor (2 yr. term)
- Justice (4 yr. term)
- 2 Trustees (2 yr. term)
- 1 Trustee ( 1 yr. term)



**HOT STOVE DINNER**

Saturday, February 25, 2017  
At Sacred Heart Social Center  
17 Sumner St., Batavia  
Cocktails 4:30 – Dinner 5:30  
Auction to Follow  
Adults \$25 – 12 & under \$15  
Tickets at Williams Law Firm, Dwyer Stadium, GCBC members

**CORFU FIRE DEPT**



**PALM SUNDAY  
CHICKEN BARBECUE  
APRIL 9, 2017  
Noon – sold out  
Drive-thru pick up only**

For further info contact:  
Greg at 585-507-9245

**TOWN OF PEMBROKE  
HISTORICAL PROGRAMS**

Wednesday April 5, 2017 7:00 pm  
**"By Trolley to Olcott"**  
Learn about the Electric Trolley that ran from Buffalo to Olcott Beach.  
Presented by G. Gerstung



Wednesday May 3, 2017 7:00 pm  
**"The Poor Man's Bible"**  
Slide show on Stained Glass Windows in Area Churches  
Presented by Lucine Kauffman

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

**CORFU FIRE DEPT**



**SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE**

TO BE HELD AT  
DARIEN FIRE HALL  
SAT, MARCH 25, 2017  
5:00 PM - ???

For further info contact:  
Jenny at 716-392-1440

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
at the Community Center at  
116 East Main Street, Corfu.

**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

Has not been determined as of yet.

Positions to be filled:

- Mayor (2 yr. term)
- Justice (4 yr. term)
- 2 Trustees (2 yr. term)
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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.