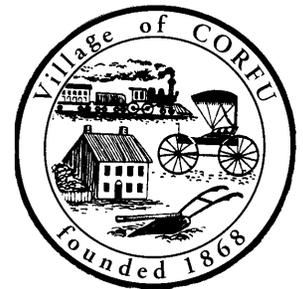


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SUMMER 2011

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY --- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY --- 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE IS CLOSED 12 NOON-1:00 PM EVERY DAY.

Village Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Public is welcome to attend. REMINDER: Meeting Minutes are on **Website: corfuny.com**

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FROM OUR DPW GUYS: PLEASE **DO NOT BAG** BRUSH AND LEAVES FOR PICKUP. PEOPLE ARE PUTTING REGULAR GARBAGE IN WITH THEIR LEAVES SO WE CAN NO LONGER PICK UP ANY DEBRIS IN PLASTIC BAGS. IF IT MUST BE BAGGED, ONLY CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED. **BLACK OR COLORED BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

BOARD NEWS

Mayor Todd Skeet: Hope you are having a happy, safe summer. We will soon be starting to plan for the annual Winterfest in January 2012. We welcome any and all volunteers to help make this year's even bigger and better. If you are interested in joining the fun of planning this year's event, please call the Village Office.

On Monday, July 11 I walked the Drainage Project with Trustee Graham and the Engineer from Chatfield. We looked at a lot of areas that need additional work and we will not quit until it is done right. Please be patient. One of the concerns that was voiced to us was that the replacement grass was not growing. The areas do need to be watered in order for the grass to grow. It has been extra dry recently. We would like to put this to rest within the next month. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation. A special thank you goes out to Trustee Graham for his assistance and the handling of a lot of my duties throughout this project.

The new Sewer Grant is in full swing in the paperwork stage; getting permits, setting up work schedules, etc. We will keep you up to date as the project moves forward.

Maintenance: Mike and Jesse have been very busy with their standard brush pickup, mowing, vehicle maintenance, etc, as well as keeping on top of some special jobs. Once the Drainage Grant is closed out, our Maintenance department will have to maintain the drainage system which will also keep them busy.

Police: You may have noticed two new faces in the Police department. We would like to welcome Officers Pete Scanio and Gary Miller to our ranks. They are taking the place of Officers Jim Delacy and Dan Harris who recently resigned to move on in other jobs. We would like to thank them for their service to the Village.

CONCERTS are in full swing so please allow yourself extra time when traveling on concert days. (See schedule last page). Also please keep children away from the intersection without proper supervision, especially during these peak traffic times. Most of those passing through our Village just have that final destination in mind and often do not pay attention to our highway laws or our residents. Just be careful!

Office: I would like to thank Sandy and Denise for the many hours spent on our new budget. With their help, we were able to keep a zero increase in our property taxes. They are currently working on other money saving projects, searching out ways to get more bang for your buck.

Village Updates: As I am sure you noticed, "Buttercrumbs" Bakery is now open and if you haven't already tried it, be sure to stop in and give them a try. Our congrats and welcome to them. Our flowerpots look very nice this year thanks to J&L Feed. Speaking of J&L, they are in the process of getting things ready to begin building "The Market" on West Main Street on the old Francis Nursery property. Will keep you updated as they progress.

Have a safe and happy summer and as always, give me a call with any concerns.

Deputy Mayor Al Graham: Hey Folks! Well let's see. It's been a busy spring. I guess I will start with the budget. We were once again able to keep a zero increase in taxes, but it's getting harder and harder to do. Insurance and retirement are killers. There isn't much we can do about retirement, but Sandy and Denise have been interviewing and researching insurance agents and companies to see if we can get a better rate. We should have some info on that within the next few weeks. We made our last payment on the Wastewater Treatment Plant this year! You are all now proud owners of your own Sewer Plant, free and clear! (And you should have noticed the Benefit Assessment payment is no longer on your taxes.)

Now I want to talk about a mistake that was made regarding the budget. Village Law states that a Public hearing on the Budget has to be advertised at least a week before the hearing in the Batavia Daily (we also post it in several locations around the Village). The problem is that due to a typo, it didn't go into the paper until 2 days after the Budget hearing. At the time it didn't seem like a big deal, as we didn't raise taxes and there wasn't anything unusual in the Budget. The meeting was posted around the Village and we did have a resident show up.

We later contacted NY Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) attorneys and they suggested we re-advertise and hold another public hearing to make sure the public has an opportunity to voice their opinion. We also contacted the NYS Comptrollers Office and they agreed with the NYCOM attorneys, so we re-advertised and held a second Public hearing on June 13, 2011 and again we had one resident show up (Thank you Linda Tucker!) As far as all the "powers that be" are concerned, we have a legal budget in place. There was never a cover-up going on, just a mistake and a learning experience. I wanted to make sure you got the facts and if you have any questions, feel free to call me.

The contractors have been in the Village to finish up the Drainage Project. I talked to a few of you as we were working in your yards, and by far people seem pleased with the results. Did we get it perfect? No, but let us know if you still have issues and we will try to work them out.

The new Sewer grant rebuild plans are moving along. The Engineer study should be complete soon and I'll be working with them to finalize the cost list and visiting other plants that are using the membrane system that we will be installing.

You may have heard that the NYS Comptroller is doing an audit of the Village. A point I want to make is that we asked them to do it! We wrote letters, and the mayor and I made phone calls asking for one because we want to be proactive. We just can't know everything and if we're doing something we shouldn't be or not doing something we should be, we want to know. The audits are a great tool to use. The audit should be done around the second week in August. I'll let you know what they say.

Congrats to J&L Feed! They are buying the old Francis Greenhouse on the west end of Main Street and are in the process of tearing things down and will be building a new store, The Market! They will be keeping the back greenhouses going, but adding a meat market and Floral Shop. It sure will be nice to be able to get fresh steak and veggies in December.

Also congrats to the Miller's on their Pastry shop, Buttercrumb's Bakery. If you haven't stopped in yet, you don't know what you're missing. I think I might be their best customer!

So come this fall you will be able to go to the new meat market and greenhouse to get dinner, stop at Buttercrumb's Bakery for dessert, then it's off to E33F (East 33 Fitness), Bev Snider's new Fitness center, to work it all off, before stopping at Worthington's Heavens Gate Floral Shop to pick up some flowers for your wife or hubby. Yes, I said hubby! Real men like flowers too!

SWIMMING POOLS

There have been a lot of questions and confusion regarding permits and requirements on swimming pools. According to NYS Property Maintenance Code 303.3; "an outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, aboveground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa, shall be provided with a barrier which shall comply with the following: Barrier must be at least 48 inches above grade. Chain link fences must have openings less than 2.25 inches. There cannot be any portion of the fence which would allow climbing of the fence. A four inch sphere must not pass through any section of the fence. Gates to the pool must be securable when the pool is not in use." Although the **soft sided** pool may have a 48" wall, it does not obstruct access because it is not rigid, so **must have a barrier**. All pools are required to have a building and zoning permit, which **includes the soft sided pools**, and they are required to be alarmed. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to contact either Code Enforcement Officer John Good at 716-609-1473 or Zoning Officer Darrell Ward at 585-813-7060.

Reminder: Pool credits can be given on sewer bills only if water readings are given to the Village Office prior to filling and after filling pool and totals over 5000 gallons. Also remember when emptying pools DO NOT empty them into a neighbor's yard. By law, you cannot create a water problem for neighboring property.

NO OPEN BURNING!!!

Once again we remind all residents that there is no open burning allowed within the Village limits with the exception of "Barbecue grills...and similar outdoor cooking devices when actually used for cooking or processing food". This is a STATE LAW and is enforceable by any conservation or police officer. If you would like further information the NYS DEC website is www.dec.ny.gov/regulations. You may be fined if found in violation of this law. Please observe the law. **It will be enforced.**

BRUSH & BRANCH PICKUP

Scheduled pickup for brush will be on Mondays and Fridays through the season **Please see notice on first page**. Do not bag in plastic bags. Brush and branches should be in manageable lengths not longer than 4 feet. Please make sure there is **NO ANIMAL WASTE** in your brush. On large amounts of brush or debris, please contact the Village office as we may be able to pick it up on site rather than you having to haul it to roadside or you may call for the Village trailer. You will be required to load the trailer, but there will be no charge for hauling the branches.

The same holds true with roll-off items. If you have large items that need to be picked up please contact the Village Office. A roll-off schedule follows.

TRASH DISPOSAL ROLL-OFF

All Roll-off hours are Friday 3:00pm –6:00pm and Saturday 8:00am – 11:00am

NOTE: There is no Roll-Off in July

Fri August 12th
Sat August 13th

Fri September 9th
Sat September 10th

Fri October 7th
Sat October 8th

We request that you do not bring any recyclable items such as glass, tin cans, or No.1 and 2 plastics. These should be put with your curbside service. These items can also be taken to the Town of Pembroke Recycling Center, free of charge on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. They also accept newspapers and magazines.

We cannot accept the following items: tires, oil, garbage, toxic materials, refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners, unless Freon has been removed. Paint cans will only be accepted if empty and lid removed. We will accept car batteries, couches, stoves, dishwashers and mattresses. If you need help with large items, please call the Village Office at 599-3327.

The Village reserves the right to reject large amounts of trash and to stop receiving once the container is full. We suggest that residents who are doing major remodeling work to please contract for their own dumpster for trash removal. This service is intended for **residential** use **for Village residents only**.

We have been having people dump items in the Roll-off that are illegal such as tires and paint, which becomes very costly to the Village. We would like to continue to offer this important service to the Village, so we must stress the importance of following the guidelines and not dumping illegal items. There will be **NO DUMPING WITHOUT A VILLAGE EMPLOYEE PRESENT** and illegal dumping

SEWER REMINDER

Village of Corfu Sewer Law Section 1118 reads; "If there shall be any payments which are due to the Village of Corfu, or any Department thereof, pursuant to any Article or Section of this Law, which shall remain due and unpaid, in whole or in part, for a period of **thirty (30) calendar days** from the date of billing by the Village of Corfu, the same shall constitute a default, and there shall be added to the entire amount of the original bill a penalty equal to **ten percent (10%)** of the original bill, and **interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at a rate of two percent (2%) per month**, retroactive to the date of the original billing." If you pay your bill late and do not include all interest due, it will be added to your next bill, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS by AL

The year 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Following are a couple of historical tidbits on Corfu in the Civil War.

- There are at least 58 Civil War veterans buried in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Corfu.
- There were at least 7 veterans from Corfu killed in the Civil War.
- One of these veterans was Daniel Kinne. He was born in Corfu in 1843 and joined the Union Army when the war started. Both of his legs were shattered by a cannonball at Cold Harbor, Virginia, on June 2, 1864. He died from these wounds on June 9, 1864. A post of the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) was formed in Corfu in 1888 and was named after him.

With the start of the Darien Lake Concert Season, we will notice an increase in Police presence in the Village. A little info on past Police in Corfu:

- The first mention in Village Board minutes of the actual hiring of a Police Officer is in 1922 when they hired Otto Buckler for \$80.00 per month.
- In 1930's the Village Policeman was paid \$1400.00 per year and used his own car.

OTHER HISTORICAL TIDBITS

In doing some cemetery research I learned that the word "casket" means Jewelry Box. Apparently, the first caskets were patterned after jewelry boxes.

The 2010 Census figures are out. According to their figures Corfu's population in 2010 was 709, a loss of almost 90 people since 2000.

In June, the University of Toronto Library contacted me for information on the Corfu Enterprise Press. They recently bought a catalog from Kent, England that was printed by the Enterprise Press from Corfu, NY. We were able to narrow down the date of the catalog to about 1898. We don't know how it got to England. The catalog and information I sent to them are now in the University Research Library. (They sent me a copy of the cover.) Corfu is getting known all over the world!

**Reminder: Brickhouse Fair is September 10, 2011
2012 is the Town of Pembroke Bicentennial. Watch for Special Events!**

COMING SOON!!!

We will soon be starting to plan for the annual **Winterfest** to be held in January 2012. We welcome any and all volunteers to help make this year's event even bigger and better. If you are interested in joining the fun of planning this year's event, please call the Village Office.

ATM TIP

This information was recently broadcast on Fox TV and it states that it is seldom used because people don't know it exists. If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM Machine, you can notify the Police by entering your pin number in reverse. For example, if your pin number is 1234 then you would put in 4321. The ATM recognizes that your pin number is backwards from the ATM card that you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the Police will be immediately dispatched to help you.

DARIEN LAKE 2011 CONCERT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	DOORS	SHOW	SUPPORT
7/22	FRI	7:00PM	6:00PM	MOTLEY CRUE	Poison, New York Dolls
7/23	SAT	4:00PM	4:00PM	BRAD PAISLEY	Blake Shelton, Jerrod Niemann
7/24	SUN	7:00PM	6:00PM	LIL' WAYNE	Keri Hilson, Rick Ross, Far East Movement, Lloyd
7/26	TUE	6:00PM	5:00PM	THE EDGE'S SUMMER BBQ	Disturbed, Godsmack, Machine Head
7/29	FRI	7:00PM	6:00PM	GOO GOO DOLLS	Michelle Branch, Parachute
8/9	TUE	6:30PM	5:30PM	SELENA GOMEZ & THE SCENE	Allstar Weekend
8/10	WED	7:00PM	6:00PM	JOURNEY	Foreigner, Night Ranger
8/11	THU	7:00PM	6:00PM	BLINK 182/MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE	Manchester Orchestra
8/12	FRI	7:00PM	6:00PM	RASCAL FLATTS	Sara Evans, Easton Corbin, Justin Moore
8/16	TUE	7:00PM	6:00PM	KINGS OF LEON	Band of Horses
8/21	SUN	7:30PM	6:30PM	DEF LEPPARD	Heart
9/4	SUN	7:30PM	6:30PM	TOBY KEITH	Eric Church
9/10	SAT	2:00PM	1:00PM	ROCKSTAR ENERGY FESTIVAL	Avenged Sevenfold, Three Days Grace, Seether

Kingdombound Sun 7/31 - Wed 8/3

DARIEN LAKES STATE PARK EVENT SCHEDULE

Concerts take place at Shelter #2 and are free entry with exception of **Kid's Day** which takes place at Picnic Area and the \$7.00 vehicle entry fee applies.

7/19/11 7:00-9:00 pm The Auslanders – German Oktoberfest Band
 7/26/11 6:30-9:00 pm Barbershop Music – Featuring Four Barbershop Ensembles
 8/02/11 7:00-9:00 pm Craig Wilkins – Country Traditionalist Music
 8/06/11 1:00-6:30 pm Kid's Day – incl. Zoomobile, Hill Brothers concert
 8/09/11 7:00-9:00 pm Ghost Riders – Country Rock Music
 9/4/11 7:00-9:00 pm NY Rockin Revue "End of Summer Dance"

For questions on state park events call the park office at 585-547-9242.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Crossroads House Benefits:

July 22 – S&S Limousine Golf Tournament - Leroy Country Club

July 29 & 30 – Crossroads House Annual MEGA Garage Sale

August 6 – Ride On Angels Wings Motorcycle Ride & Car Show – Holley NY

Crossroads House is always in need of donations of items such as: Swiffer Wet-jet supplies, HE Laundry detergent, Bunn Coffee filters, Decaf coffee, sugar & sugar substitute packets, powder coffee creamer, Scott toilet paper, paper towels, postage stamps, copy paper, and more!

For information: call 585-343-3892 or email: crossrd@crossroadshouse.com

Arnie's Kids/Club for Life Benefit:

August 6 – Golf Tournament at Shelridge Country Club followed by dinner & Basket Sale

Baskets for benefit will gladly be accepted. Need by July 28th.

For further information: call 716-308-7847