



# VILLAGE OF CORFU

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

FALL 2015 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

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## 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](http://www.corfuny.com)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Village Clerk

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## Village Board:

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**Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:**

## 2016 WINTERFEST

Winterfest 2016 will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Planning is under way and it is being chaired by Trustees Art Ianni and Ken Lauer. For further info or if you are interested in participating, contact the Village Office.

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**ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS  
ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE  
TO TOUR THE NEWLY UPGRADED  
& IMPROVED VILLAGE SEWER PLANT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Located at the end of Fieldcrest Drive  
Refreshments will be available

## HALLOWEEN HOURS

The Village Board has set hours for Halloween Tricks & Treats between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Saturday,

**October 31, 2015**



Mayor Dave Bielec presented Village Police Officer Pete Scanio with a Certificate of Commendation from the Village Board for his lifesaving response to an August 6, 2015 First Aid Call for an allergic reaction. It's good to know our Officers are there for us!

# BOARD CONNECTION

It looks like summer is over. We would like to thank the Village residents for their patience during the high traffic times of the Concert Season. The Board would also like to convey a special "Thank You" to Tammy Pfalzer and Nick Newman for their work on the flower island on Main Street. We all appreciate that extra touch of beauty.

## **SEWER:**

The Board would like to invite all residents to an **Open House** on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Village Sewer Plant to get a tour and firsthand look at the improvements and upgrades from the recent Sewer Grant Project.

The Sewer Project is completed. Talks are continuing regarding potential of the Truck Stops connecting into the system. The Town is working on getting a grant for potential new hook-ups and adding capacity to the Village Plant. You can get more detailed information from the minutes on the Corfu and Pembroke websites.

### **SEWER BILLING 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, **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **MAINTENANCE:**

Pickup for leaves and brush will be on Mondays, Fridays and as work schedule and weather allows throughout the season. Please make sure there is no animal waste in the leaves. **Please keep brush, branches and fallen nuts with husks separate from leaves**, as the branches and nuts will plug the leaf vacuum. Brush and branches should be in manageable lengths not longer than 4 feet. If a large amount of branches must be disposed of, 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. Also remember there is **NO OPEN BURNING!** This is a STATE LAW and will be enforced!

During the week of Halloween we would appreciate that any leaves and brush needing to be picked up, have them out by the road by Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> for pickup, as we would like to have the sidewalks and streets clear for the Trick or Treaters. We want to insure a safe night for the kids to enjoy. Also just a reminder, there will also be Christmas tree pickup after the holidays.

Prospect Avenue was paved this summer through the use of Chips funds from NYS DOT.

## **POLICE:**

First, the Board would like to make our residents aware that Village Officer Pete Scanio was presented with a Certificate of Commendation for Outstanding Service for his lifesaving first aid call response on August 6, 2015. Officer Scanio is a credit to his profession!

The Board would also like to announce that Officer Mike Petritz is now a full-time officer for the Village of Corfu, so you'll be seeing him patrolling our streets more often.

We would also like to welcome new part-time Officer Ryan Young. We feel Ryan will be a great asset to our Village force.

**ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Craig Blake, as the Village Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, has been hard at work in conjunction with the Village Board and Planning Board, actively contacting individuals that are in violation of various codes and attempting to work with them to take care of the violations in a timely manner. For Zoning or Code requirements and questions, Craig can be contacted at 585-815-3782.

Please note that the Village Planning Board needs one member and Zoning Board of Appeals needs two members. Now is your chance to get involved and help your Village. Please contact the Village Office if you are interested in becoming a Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals Member. This is a great opportunity to get involved the future of your Village.

**COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Winterfest is right around the corner on Saturday, January 30, 2016. The Trustees in charge would appreciate any volunteers to help make this the best Winterfest ever. We encourage you to share your time and ideas.

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 either or both of these committees, please contact the Village Office.

**GRANT INFO:**

An application for the Go-Art grant has been submitted for the upcoming Winterfest.

**ELECTIONS:**

Elections will be coming up on March 15, 2016. Just a reminder that caucuses must be held between January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Positions to be filled are two Trustees. For further information contact the Village Office.

**DISSOLUTION UPDATE**

A few residents have requested information on petitioning to provide an opportunity for a public hearing and potential vote for dissolution of the Village. Information is available on the NYS Department of State website where you can find a publication "The Citizen's Guide for Petitioning for Local Government Consolidation or Dissolution".

**Don't forget to check the Community page for upcoming events in the area. Some of these events are coming up right away, so you don't want to miss them.**

**IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY! GET INVOLVED!**

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow an opportunity for any and all interested parties to comment on a proposed subdivision to be located on Fieldcrest Drive.

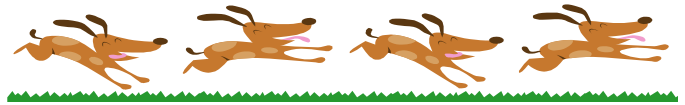


## **SNOW REMOVAL**

**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.**

**Please do not pile snow from driveways onto the sidewalks, particularly after the Village plow has gone through.**

**Please remember there is a parking ban on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from November 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. Please do not park on sidewalks**



Section 8,H of Local Law No. 1 of 1992 states it shall be unlawful for any dog owner to permit or allow a dog to create a nuisance by defecating, urinating or digging on public or private property other than the property of the said owner. This includes public sidewalks, the Cemetery and the Library. It is not a dog park.

**PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!**

## **PEMBROKE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 2015-16 PROGRAMS**

Wed. Nov.4, 2015–Greg Kinal presents Amelia Earhart  
First to successfully pilot a transpacific course from  
Hawaii to California

December 2015-Christmas Party (contact Town for info)  
February 2016 – WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

How to start your family history presented by Joann  
Cummings – Date & More info coming!

## **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL**

Thanks to all those that visited the “Then & Now” display at the Brick House Fair

### **STREETS OF CORFU**

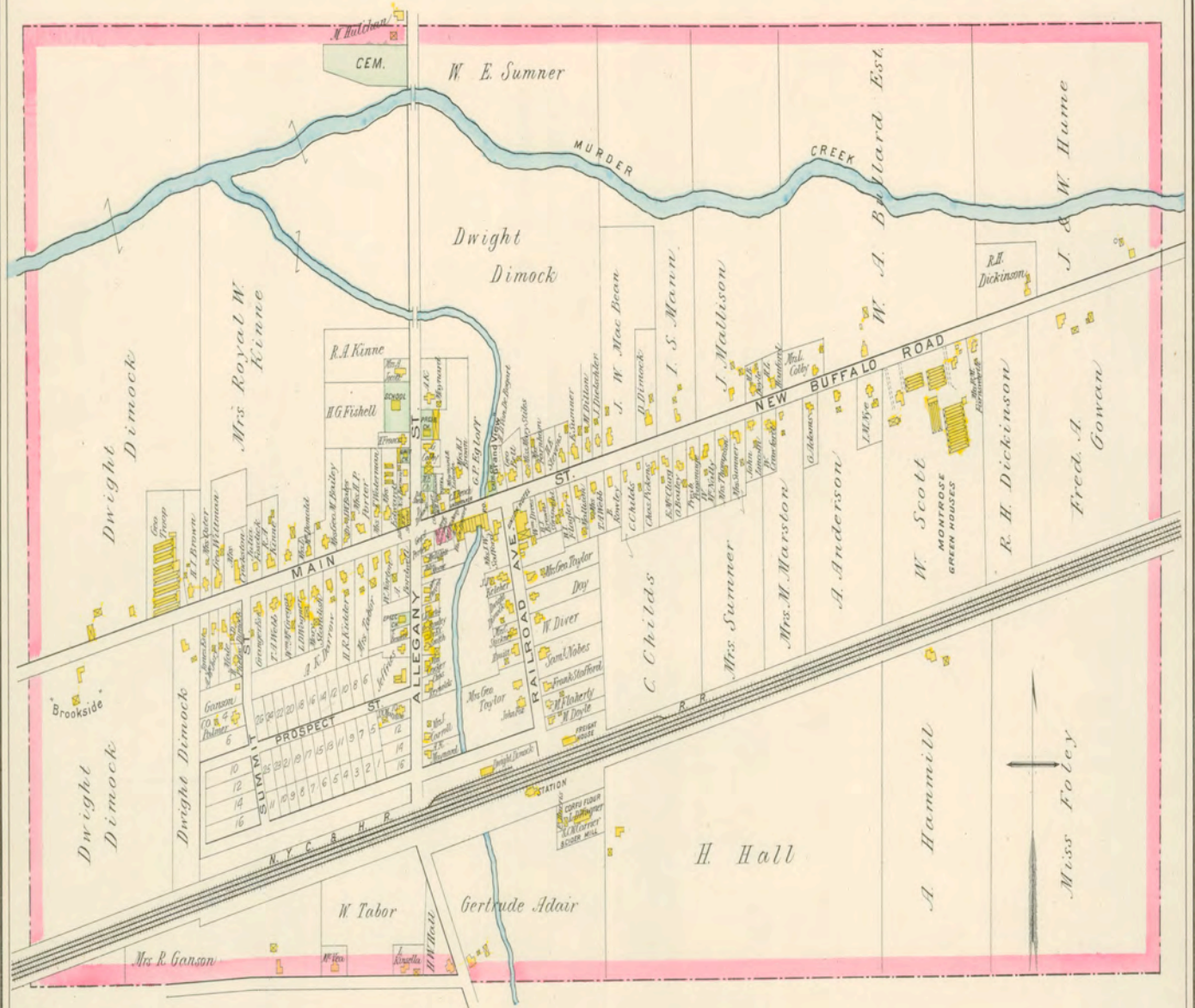
- ROUTE 33 (Main Street) – Originally laid out in 1802 from Batavia to Buffalo and called “New Buffalo Road”. When Corfu was first settled it became “Main Street” in Corfu. For a brief time in the 1880’s East Main Street was called “Batavia Road”. The portion outside the Village is now called “Genesee Street”.
- ROUTE 77 (Alleghany Road) – Originally laid out between 1800 – 1810. Because of a swamp, the original road did not come directly into the Village from the south until the railroad was built in 1852. It went east of the Village and then over to “New Buffalo Road”. The portion from the four corners to the north has had several names: “Alabama Street”, “Church Street”, and “School Street” (1930).
- MAPLE AVENUE – Probably built around 1852 when the railroad came to Corfu. It was originally called “Railroad Street” until about 1930, when it became “Maple Avenue”. Until 1942 it went across the railroad tracks to the train depot south of the tracks.
- GANSON AVENUE – It is not known when it was originally built. It possibly was part of the Alleghany by-pass into the Village in the early 1800’s. It is first shown on a map in 1876 (no name is given on the map). The 1880 census calls it “Town Line Street”. It is called “Ganson Avenue” on the 1927 map.
- PROSPECT AVE/ST – Approved by the Village in 1871. It was briefly called “Summit Street” in the early 1900’s, then called “Prospect” again in 1927. Some maps call it a Street and some an Avenue. Note on the map it shows a proposed subdivision with Propect connecting with Alleghany.
- DEPOT STREET – Built in 1942 when the underpass was built. After the underpass was completed, the “Maple Avenue” crossing was closed and “Depot Street” was the only way to the train depot.
- WATER STREET – Probably built around 1852 when the railroad came to Corfu. It was made a one-way street in 1976. A 1903 newspaper article calls it “River Street”, only time I have found it called this.
- LAWRENCE AVENUE – Built in 1952.
- MEADOWBROOK TERRACE – Built in 1952, approved by Village in 1954.
- THOMPSON DRIVE – Built in 1966.
- LONGS LANE – Built in 1967, taken over by Village in 1971.
- FIELDCREST DRIVE – Built in 1981 to connect the sewer plant to Main Street, was named “Fieldcrest” in 1988.

**SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE TO SEE OUR VILLAGE STREET LAY OUT AROUND 1904!**

VILLAGE OF CORFU MAP - CIRCA 1904

# CORFU

Scale 400 Ft. to one inch



1904

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



**CORFU FIRE DEPT**



The Corfu Fire Department is looking for volunteers.

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

**For Information on upcoming events and fundraisers  
Call 585-259-5909**



**St. John the Baptist School  
Alden NY**

**VENDOR FAIR**

October 24, 2015  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

In the St. John School Gym  
2028 Sandridge Road  
Alden, NY

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**AT CORFU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**Hungry Bear Breakfast  
Sat, October 24<sup>th</sup> – 8 -11 am  
Bring your Appetite!**

For more info call  
Dorothy at 599-4588

**ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**



**COMING EVENTS**

**SAT. OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 6 pm  
DINNER DANCE**

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!  
For more details:  
<http://stmax.net>

**CORFU LIBRARY NEWS**



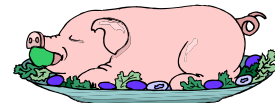
**Library Hours**

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

See our Website at [www.corfufreelibrary.org](http://www.corfufreelibrary.org)  
For events, new books and videos.

**CORFU GRANGE**

**ROAST PORK DINNER**



**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Noon until Sold Out**

Across from Intermediate School  
Portion of proceeds to support  
“Words for Thirds”

**BOY SCOUTS**



**DINNER AT DENNY'S  
Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**

From 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm  
Denny's Restaurant  
On Allegheny Road

**SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

**BOY SCOUTS**

**Food Drive**



**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Boy Scouts will be collecting  
Non-perishable food items.  
Leave bag hanging on home  
door knob for pick-up or  
contact Charlie at 599-3748

**BOY SCOUTS**



**BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE  
Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

From 9:00 am- 2:00 pm  
At Charlie Lenhard's House  
104 East Main Street

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