



# VILLAGE OF CORFU

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

FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER



## VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

## NEW COURT HOURS

Open Monday - Friday  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Court is held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday 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.

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 [villagecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:villagecourt@yahoo.com)

## Village Board:

Mayor Biggs Johnson [mayor@corfuny.com](mailto:mayor@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Ken Lauer [trustee02@corfuny.com](mailto:trustee02@corfuny.com)  
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Trustee Tom Sargent [trustee03@corfuny.com](mailto:trustee03@corfuny.com)

## Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:

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

## **SALLOWEEN SOZERS**

**The Village Board has set hours for  
Halloween Tricks & Treats between  
6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Tuesday,  
October 31, 2017**



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**CORFU VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
HALLOWEEN OPEN  
HOUSE**

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm  
– 9 pm**

*At 116 East Main Street*

## 2018 WINTERFEST

Winterfest 2018 will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Planning is under way and it is being chaired by Trustee Ken Lauer. For further info or if you are interested in participating, contact the Village Office at 599-3327.

## **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE BENEFITING OUR LOCAL CHILDREN**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A NEW,  
UNWRAPPED TOY OR GAME

THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO DONATE:

Bring Toys to:  
Corfu Fire Dept.  
Monday Evenings  
or Village Office  
Mon – Fri 9-4  
116 E Main St



Or Bring Toys to:  
Corfu Presbyterian  
Church OpenHouse  
Dec. 3, 2017  
12pm – 3pm  
Santa comes at 1pm

Sponsors:

Corfu Police Dept, Corfu Volunteer Fire Dept.  
& Corfu United Presbyterian Church  
See Community page for more detail on Open House  
For more info. call Village Office at 599-3327

# 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.

## **SEWER:**

The TA Truck Stop has begun sending flow 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.**

## **COSTLY CLOGS!**

We would like to remind everyone that disposing of grease, disposable wipes, and other personal hygiene products can cause blockages or clogs in the sewer system, which are very costly to remove. It is to your benefit as a taxpayer to avoid pouring grease down the drain or flushing disposable wipes or other personal hygiene products. Any establishments that serve food should also check and clean their grease traps on a regular basis. It is estimated that Buffalo NY spends \$6 million per year on grease abatement and removal. Although we are not a big city, the simple act of not disposing of grease, wipes and other products via your sink or toilets can save creating costly clogs and blockages in the system. Let’s all help keep our sewer system “fat-free”.

## **POLICE:**

We would like to welcome our new part-time Officers Jacob Gauthier, Jeffrey Pellittieri and Anthony Bartucca.

The Board is still in negotiations with the CSEA Police Union. New details will be passed on when they are available.

SNOW BIRDS NOTICE! Don’t forget if you are going out of town for the winter or for any length of time, the Village Police will do “Property Checks” to keep a special eye on your home. If you would like to alert the Police to your upcoming absence, please come in to the Village Office to fill out a form so we will have your contact information in case it is needed.

## **COURT: Welcome to New Court Clerk Amy Smith!**

Pam Thurber has moved on to a new position elsewhere, so Amy is busy learning the ropes. Extra thanks go out to the Pembroke Town Court Clerks Sue and Angelina for all their help easing Amy into the position.

## **ELECTIONS:**

Elections will be coming up on March 20, 2018. Just a reminder that caucuses must be held between January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Positions to be filled are two Trustees for 2 year terms. For further information contact the Village Office.

## **MAINTENANCE:**

Pickup for leaves and brush will be on Mondays and Fridays 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 Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> for pickup, as we would like to have the sidewalks and streets clear for the Trick or Treaters. Just a reminder there will be an Open House for the kids at the Fire Hall Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-9pm Halloween evening. We want to ensure a safe night for the kids to enjoy. Also don't forget there will be Christmas tree pickup after the holidays.

Meadowbrook Terrace and Lawrence Avenue were oiled and stoned this summer through the use of Chips funds from NYS DOT.

## **COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Winterfest is right around the corner on Saturday, January 27, 2018. The committee would appreciate any volunteers to help make this the best Winterfest ever. We encourage you to share your time and ideas. It will be held at the Corfu Intermediate School again this year. If you would like to participate with a table or donate a basket or door prize, please contact the Village office. This year's Winterfest is going to be bigger and better with a larger basket raffle and door prizes from surrounding professional sports teams. We will have a last minute update in the January newsletter.

The "Celebration & Beautification Committee" always needs volunteers. This year's Winterfest will be the kickoff of the Village celebrating 150 years of being incorporated. Village Historian Al Starkweather is willing to work with those interested in setting up any further 2018 Sesquicentennial celebrations.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for either the Winterfest or Celebration & Beautification Committee, please contact the Village Office at 585-599-3327.

## **GRANT INFO:**

This summer the Village police have been utilizing our 2017 DWI grant with specialized DWI patrols. We are still waiting for the preliminary paperwork to be approved on the grant award from Senator Ranzenhofer.

## **ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Brian Schollard, 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. There has sometimes been some confusion regarding what type of work requires a Building permit as well as what constitutes a code violation. For Zoning or Code requirements and questions, Brian can be contacted at 585-356-4362.

Please note that 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 Zoning Board of Appeals Member. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the future of your Village.

Please note that the meeting nights for the Planning Board are back to being on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month. The public is always welcome to attend.

Building and Zoning permits are available at the Village Office. Zoning permit application and a couple of the most common building permit applications are also available on the Village website at **[www.corfuny.com](http://www.corfuny.com)**

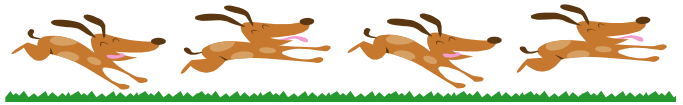


## SNOW REMOVAL

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 or block sidewalks at any time.



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!**

## OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

A few brief tips to keep your family safe from fire dangers.

- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms. Test alarms at least once a month.
- Plan your home escape, with two ways out of each room. Practice your fire drill and escape plan.
- If there is a fire, get outside quickly and stay outside, then call 911. If unable to get out call, 911 to let them know.

For more detailed info contact your local Fire Department.

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

### HISTORICAL TIDBITS

- On 10/13/1920 Henry Brown was struck and killed by a train near the Freight Depot on Railroad Avenue (now Maple Avenue)
- On a Sunday in May of 1908 Miss Dora Buckman of Corfu was at a home in Crittenden where suddenly about 10:30pm she became unconscious. Efforts by the homeowner and several doctors could not wake her. Her breathing and vital signs were normal. Miss Buckman stayed in this "trance" for a week. None of the doctors or specialists could determine the cause. Suddenly a week later she came out of it. Other than being weak she was fine. No reason for the "trance" was ever found and it never happened again.
- Through the years there have been several robberies of the Corfu Post Office.
  - On 6/29/1900, \$250 was taken when thieves blew up the safe. (At that time the Post Office was located where Burling Drugs was located.)
  - Later in 1900 thieves again tried to rob the Post Office. An alarm had been set up at Mr. Egloff's house across the street. It sounded and Mr. Egloff shot and wounded one of the thieves from his front porch.
  - A 1914 Daily News article reported that there were robbery attempts in 1905, 1907, 1912 and twice in 1914. No other information was given on these attempts.
- In 1868 Corfu became an "Incorporated Village". 2018 will be the Sesquicentennial of this Incorporation. In 1968 the Village held a "Centennial Celebration" of Incorporation which included a parade and many special events throughout the day.
- Thank you to all those who came to this year's "Brick House Fair". Also thanks to all who have attended the Corfu United Presbyterian Church's Bi-centennial events this year.
- Hope to see you at the 2018 "Winterfest" to kick off the Village Sesquicentennial on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Corfu Intermediate School.

### UPCOMING PEMBROKE 2017 -18 HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

Wed. Nov.1, 2017 at 7:00 pm - Greg Kinal presents "The Attack on Pearl Harbor". Sure to be Interesting!

Wed. Dec. 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm - **Christmas Party** at Holiday Hollow (contact Barb Wolf 599-3248 or JoAnn 716-912-0011 for information)

All Programs are open to the public at no charge. They are all held at the Pembroke Town Hall unless noted otherwise. For more information contact the Town at 599-4892

## Corfu Fire District News

The Corfu Fire District has raised its budget only 1 ½ percent for 2018. This corresponds to a decrease of \$.136 per \$1,000 valuation, which should mean a lower fire protection tax bill for most. This \$2,000 total increase, however is to offset the nearly \$2,000 increase the district must pay to Genesee County for our share of their Self-Insurance Worker Compensation.

Corfu Firefighters have put into service 13 new SCBA's purchased through the federal government's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Awards. The Corfu Fire District was successful in securing the grant through efforts of Rosalie Mangino-Crandall and her Insights Grants Development Company. She donated her time for the Corfu project which is greatly appreciated by the department.

The newest and latest model of SCBA's replaced our outdated 1997 NFPA edition SCBA's that have been costly to repair and were at the end of their life cycle. The grant enabled the district to purchase thirteen (13) complete units and one (1) mask integrated radio blue tooth. The total cost of the grant is \$88,400, with the district's share of \$4,209. This will insure our firefighters are well protected and have the latest technology available to them for the foreseeable future at a small cost to the taxpayers of the Corfu Fire District.

Don't forget the Fire Department is having a Halloween Open House on October 31<sup>st</sup> between 6pm and 9pm with kid's activities, games and prizes. There will also be coffee, cider and donuts. Let's have a safe Halloween!

The Fire Department is also co-sponsoring the Christmas Toy Drive in conjunction with the Corfu Police Department and Corfu Presbyterian Church to benefit local children. Toys may be dropped off at the Fire Department on Monday nights, at the Village Office Monday-Friday 9am-5pm or at the Presbyterian Church Open House on December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 12pm – 3pm.

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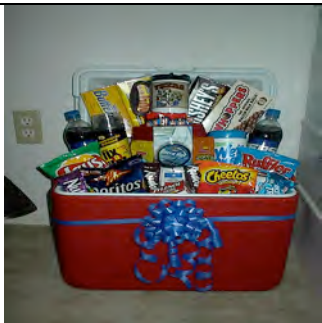
### CONTEST

#### *Name the Senior Apartment Complex*

Ron Long is looking to the Village to help him name the senior apartment complex proposed to be built at 47 West Main Street in the Village. Ron has offered a \$50 gift certificate to Three T's Family Diner to the person who submits the winning name for the apartment complex. Please submit your entry to the Corfu Village Office, 116 East Main St., Corfu, NY 14036, by November 17, 2017. Winner will be chosen and notified by Ron Long.

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**WINTERFEST 2017 IS COMING!**  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> from 10am – 6pm**



Reserve the date to come join the fun!  
Music and Entertainment!  
All Kinds of Food – Bring your appetite!  
Door Prizes - Basket Raffle – 50/50 Raffle  
Dozens of Vendors and Crafters!  
Support Local Non-profit Organizations!



**Receive one Door Prize ticket for each Non-perishable food item donated for Local Food Pantry!**

**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**

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



**CROSSROADS HOUSE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Basket Raffle**

Sat. October 28, 2017

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

At ARC Community Center  
38 Woodrow, Batavia

Tickets: \$5/sheet of tickets  
Baskets being drawn at 3:00pm  
Mega Raffle (\$2 or 3/\$5) for  
Coca Cola Peddle Car &  
Handcrafted Hobby Horse  
Light Lunch, Beverages & Desserts  
Available for Purchase

For more info: [www.crossroadhouse.com](http://www.crossroadhouse.com)

**CORFU UNITED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**OPEN HOUSE &  
TOY DRIVE**

**DEC. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 – 12:30pm – 3pm**  
**SANTA WILL BE COMING!**

Light refreshments will be  
available

Sponsored by Corfu United Pres.  
Church, Corfu Vol. Fire Dept. &  
Corfu Police Department

**CROSSROADS HOUSE**

**2nd Annual Christmas  
Garage Sale**

**At 11 Liberty St., Batavia**

Friday Nov. 24, 2017 and  
Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017

From 9am – 3pm each day.

Beautiful Christmas decorations,  
Vintage glassware and  
Lots of Gift Ideas!

Warm up with a complimentary hot  
beverage and check out our  
amazing items.

**See you there!**

For more info: [www.crossroadhouse.com](http://www.crossroadhouse.com)



**SOME CORFU LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

**Story Hour** every Wed. at 10:30 am

**Family Movie Nights** several times/year

**Technology Tuesdays**-4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday/month

– get answers to computer questions

**Book Club** 6:30 pm-3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday/month

Free Wi-Fi available as well as desktop  
computers for patron use

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

**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

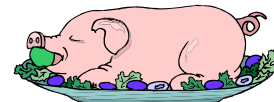
Friday 3:00 – 8:00

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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**CORFU GRANGE**

**ROAST PORK DINNER**



**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon until Sold Out**

Portion of proceeds goes to  
“Words for Thirds” Dictionary Project

**BOY SCOUTS**



**DINNER AT DENNY'S**

**Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

From 4:00 pm- 10:00 pm

Denny's Restaurant

On Allegheny Road

**20% of your food bill goes to  
support your local troop!**

**BOY SCOUTS**

**Food Drive**



**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Boy Scouts will be collecting

Non-perishable food items.

Leave bag hanging on easy

access, noticeable home

door knob for pick-up or

contact Charlie at 599-3748

**BOY SCOUTS**



**BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**

**Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

From 9:00 am- 2:00 pm

At Charlie Lenhard's House

104 East Main Street

**SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL SCOUTS!**

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.