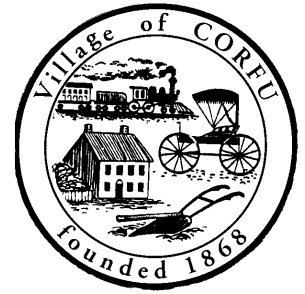


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VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY --- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY --- 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL NOW BE 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**

ELECTION RESULTS

Results of 2011 Village of Corfu Elections were as follows:
 (Winners in **Bold & Underlined**)

One Position

	<u>Votes Received</u>
Mayor: (2) Years - Democrat - <u>Todd A. Skeet</u>	41
Write In - Daryll Busch	1

Two Positions

Trustee: (2) Years – Democrat – <u>Albert Graham Jr.</u>	44
Trustee: (2) Years – Republican – <u>Ralph Peterson, Jr.</u>	33

TOTAL NUMBER RESIDENTS VOTING: 48

We would like to thank Tom Sobczak for his years of service to the Village. Trustee Sobczak resigned his position as Trustee on March 2, 2011.

JOIN THE SUMMER FUN!

**Saturday, June 11th - Corfu Presbyterian Church Annual Basement Sale
 And Village-Wide Yard Sales!**

Great opportunity to get rid of all that stuff from Spring Cleaning!

MAYOR & TRUSTEE NEWS

From Mayor Todd Skeet:

I'm glad spring finally seems to be here. I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote. It is a pleasure to serve the Village for another two years.

This year's Winterfest was a great time. Fun was had by all. We are always looking to add something new and different, so if you have any ideas be sure to let Sandy or Denise know in the Village office.

We have had a lot of calls about the Village-wide yard sales that used to coincide with the summer Family Days, so after talking to the Presbyterian Church we thought why not implement it again in conjunction with their annual basement sale. See the ad on page one.

Grant News: The new storm drain system seems to be working pretty well. With the heavy meltdowns, people's yards seem to be drying out much faster. We are in the early stages of planning the new Sewer Grant. As things progress we will keep everyone informed. We have also been awarded another DWI grant in the amount of \$3500 this year. Other grants we are working on trying to get are another Small

Maintenance: Spring is the busiest time of year for Mike and Jesse. This winter they refurbished our Jetter. For about \$5400 in parts and labor, they turned an old, worn out piece of equipment into a new machine. (By the way, a new one costs about \$88,000). Along with the normal tasks, projects coming up will be working on getting a new railing under the viaduct, striping the Village sidewalks, getting the flower pots ready and out by Memorial Day and moving their old shop into the newly remodeled cold storage building.

The guys have already begun picking up brush. Please see guidelines for brush pickup in this newsletter. Please make sure there is **NO ANIMAL WASTE** in your brush, bag loose leaves and keep branches at 4' lengths. For large amounts please call for the trailer. There is no charge for us to leave the trailer. Also as a reminder, there is **NO OPEN BURNING** allowed. This is a NYS law as well as a Village Law. Not only is it inconsiderate to your neighbors, you will also be prosecuted.

Roll-off schedule is also included in this newsletter. Note time change on Saturday to 8 am-11 am. Please stick to the schedule. Last year we had some problems with people using the dumpster at unauthorized times and dumping illegal items or household garbage in it. If anyone is caught dumping without a Village Employee present, charges will be filed. I would also like to stress the roll-off is for Village Residents ONLY! This does not mean bringing in your family members or friends trash from out of town. If you abuse it, you'll lose it.

While I'm on the subject, between labor and dumpster costs, the roll-off costs run from \$4000 - \$6000 per year. Is this a service everyone would still like to continue? We would like your input. Let Sandy at the office know your opinion.

Police: We are gearing up for another busy Concert Season. Be sure to check the concert schedule in this newsletter so you can use alternate routes on concert days. We do our best to try to accommodate local traffic, but delays are unavoidable. Please be patient.

Office: We are continually working on upgrading our office equipment and programs. Due to the Grants, the girls have been kept busy this past fiscal year with grant paperwork and audits (which the office passed with flying colors), with more grant paperwork and two more audits scheduled for the upcoming year. More recently we have kept them busy working on the Budget. We are pleased to announce there will be no increase in Village taxes, **plus** there is **no more benefit assessment payment!!!**

In Closing: Last but certainly not least, we would like to congratulate Ron Weiler of Sterling Tents for being named Business of the Year by Genesee County Chamber of Commerce. It is well deserved! Also we would like to welcome our new fitness center on Main Street called "East Thirty Three Fitness" (E33F). Be sure to check it out. Also in the works (being reviewed by Genesee County Planning as we speak) is a new bakery to be called "Buttercrumbs Bakery". So hopefully soon you will be able to indulge at "Buttercrumbs" then go work it off at "E33F".

From Trustee Dave Bielec:

We are now into April and winter just does not want to let go. I had my golf clubs out, on one warm day a few weeks ago, but put them away again. It won't be long until we get into summer and have the lake concert traffic to complain about.

We have been working on next year's fiscal budget. It will be completed and presented shortly.

The Grant project, to extend the sewer to the Thruway, is under motion. This will also include upgrading our existing sewer plant to new technology. We will keep everyone posted.

From Trustee Al Graham:

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who voted for me in the last election. I will try to continue to serve you the best I can.

I've had a few people stop me and a couple of people have left notes at the office about the final cleanup for the Drainage Project. Please be patient. I know with spring here everyone wants to get to their yards and all that, but the crews can't do anything until the ground dries out enough so they aren't making a bigger mess than they are trying to clean up. Now I know someone is going to come to me in a month and say "Hey, my yard is dry! Why haven't they come to finish up my yard?" Well, I tell ya the crews are coming to do the whole project at once. Your yard might be dry but 47 others are not. We are hoping, if the weather cooperates, to have everything done by June.

Dave and I are meeting with the Engineers on April 7th to begin the design phase of the Wastewater plant rebuild, and Todd and I are the committee dealing with the Town on their part of the project of running the pipeline down to us. So it looks like another very busy summer. Don't be afraid to stop me and ask about it when you see me around town.

Hey, more good news! We are making our last payment on the Wastewater plant this year. We own it free and clear!!!

From Jim Meier, Police Supervisor;

As all of you know Darien Lake and the Concert season is just around the corner. Every year we go into the season hoping that this year will be better than last, but year after year the same problems and a few new ones come up. Please understand as much as we would love to keep the village open to the residents during the heavy traffic times, it is not possible. We get pressure from New York State to make sure traffic never backs up on the thruway. Please understand we do the best we can to keep the traffic moving. If you can't avoid the Rt 77/Rt 33 intersection during the heavy traffic times then you will need to plan ahead for delays. You can expect heavy traffic starting a couple hours prior to the beginning of each concert and a couple hours after. The current concert schedule is listed at the end of the newsletter. This can and will change. If you find yourself in heavy traffic, please be patient and we will get you through as soon as we can.

Thanks for your patience and let's all have a fun and safe summer.

NO OPEN BURNING!!!

Once again we remind all residents that there is no open burning allowed within the Village limits. This is a STATE LAW and is enforceable by any conservation or police officer. 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. 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

Fri May 13 th	Fri June 10 th	<u>There is no Roll-Off in July</u>
Sat May 14 th	Sat June 11 th	
Fri August 12 th	Fri September 9 th	Fri October 7 th
Sat August 13 th	Sat September 10 th	Sat October 8 th

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 will be prosecuted.

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

In place of the “Highlights” this time I wanted to mention I have been corresponding with a Mark Hendriksen from a village called Old Perithia, the oldest Village on the Island of Corfu, Greece. (In 1839 Longs Corners was renamed Corfu, after the Island of Corfu which was then an independent state under British protection.)

Old Perithia was started in the 14th century and sits at the foot of Mt. Pantokrater (“The Almighty”), so the Village sits “at the foot of the Almighty”. The people are trying to restore the village to the way it was in the mid-1800’s. Of the 130 homes there, 3 have been restored so far, which they hope to have become bed & breakfasts. About 60% of the homes are considered restorable. There were 8 churches there at one time, 2 are being restored, 3 are now privately owned, with 3 more to be restored. There are also 4 taverns being restored.

They are interested in having some sort of relationship with Corfu, New York and have put a link to our website on theirs (www.old-perithia.com) and we are in the process of putting a link to their website on ours. I received a book from him, the “Guide to Old Perithia”, and sent him several brochures and a brief history of the Village of Corfu and area. If you would like more info and history on them, don’t hesitate to contact me. Be sure to check out their website and I’ll keep you updated.

I would like to thank all those who stopped by the “When Corfu Had Theatre” display at the Winterfest. I enjoyed talking to you.

Upcoming Pembroke Historical Programs

-May 4th – 6:30 – Business meeting and plans for the Museum. Bring your ideas!

-June 1st – 6:30 – Local History and Stories by the Town Historians.

-July – TBA – Annual Picnic – location TBA

Remember the programs are free and you don’t have to be a member to attend.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

KINGDOM BOUND: SUN 7/31 – WED 8/03

For further updates throughout the season, you can check with the Village Office or on Darien Fun Country website at www.godarienlake.com.

DATE	DAY	TIME	DOORS	SHOW	SUPPORT
6/8/2011	WED	7:00PM	5:30PM	PHISH	
6/25/2011	SAT	7:00PM	6:00PM	TIM MCGRAW	Luke Bryan, The Band Perry
7/8/2011	FRI	7:30PM	6:30PM	SUGARLAND	Sara Bareilles
7/12/2011	TUE	Noon	11:00AM	VANS WARPED TOUR	Numerous
7/13/2011	WED	7:00PM	6:00PM	KID ROCK	Sheryl Crow, Leroy Powell & The Messengers
7/22/2011	FRI	7:00PM	6:00PM	MOTLEY CRUE	Poison, New York Dolls
7/23/2011	SAT	4:00PM	4:00PM	BRAD PAISLEY	Blake Shelton, Jerrod Niemann
8/9/2011	TUE	6:30PM	5:30PM	SELENA GOMEZ & THE SCENE	Allstar Weekend
8/10/2011	WED	7:00PM	6:00PM	JOURNEY	Foreigner, Night Ranger
8/12/2011	FRI	7:00PM	6:00PM	RASCAL FLATTS	Sara Evans
8/21/2011	SUN	7:30PM	6:30PM	DEF LEPPARD	Heart
9/4/2011	SUN	7:30PM	6:30PM	TOBY KEITH	Eric Church

KINGDOM BOUND SUN 7/31 – WED 8/03

SOME CORFU FUN

The following puzzle was in a national Word Search puzzle book. We're famous!

After you loop all these cities and towns from our Mystery State, the remaining letters will reveal the name of the state and its nickname, state flower and state bird. Words may run vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

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| ___ BREWSTER | ___ HARTSDALE | ___ OSWEGO | ___ TROY |
| ___ CLINTON | ___ HOMER | ___ PECONIC | ___ UTICA |
| ___ <u>CORFU</u> | ___ HUDSON | ___ ROCHESTER | ___ WANTAGH |
| ___ CORNING | ___ ISLIP | ___ RYE | ___ WHITE PLAINS |
| ___ DIX HILLS | ___ LIMA | ___ SAG HARBOR | |
| ___ ELMIRA | ___ MONTAUK | ___ SAUGERTIES | |

SOME MORE CORFU HISTORY

In 550 the Goth's invaded and destroyed Corcyra (now Corfu Town). The Village was rebuilt and renamed Coryphia (summit of the peaks). This name was eventually translated to "Corfu" and the island off Greece also took on this name.

In Greek mythology the name "Corfu" is said to come from a different origin. The name came from a nymph Korkira". Homer's "Odyssey" mentions that the God "Poseidon" fell in love with the nymph and brought her to the island. The island was then named after her and became "Corfu".