



VILLAGE OF CORFU

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

WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

NEW COURT HOURS

Monday thru Friday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Except 1st & 3rd Wednesday
1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

HELP WANTED

VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD HAS ONE
VACANCY AND ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS HAS TWO VACANCIES.

THE PLANNING BOARD MEETS
THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.
COME CHECK OUT A MEETING!
GET INVOLVED IN YOUR VILLAGE!

IF INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE
AT 599-3327.



**Assemblyman
Steve Hawley**
GENESEE COUNTY
OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS
FRIDAYS 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Genesee Community College
Assemblyman R. Stephen Hawley Drive
1 College Rd, Batavia
Conable Technology Bldg., Room T123
For more info: 585-813-9319 or 585-589-5780

MEETINGS

Village Board meetings are held the second Monday
of the month at 7:00 pm.
*Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday of the
month at 7:00 pm.*

Planning Board meetings are held the fourth
Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
The public is encouraged to attend!!!
Meeting minutes can be found on the website:
corfuny.com

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WINTERFEST 2013



DON'T MISS THE 2013 WINTERFEST
BEING HELD ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2013 AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER FROM
12 NOON TIL 8:00 PM.

SEE ATTACHED FLYER
FOR MORE DETAILS.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

BOARD CONNECTION

The Village Board wants to remind everyone that all Board meetings are open to the public. We do try to keep you informed with the meeting Minutes and Newsletter, but would welcome participation by our Village residents at the meetings.

SEWER UPDATE: The Board would like to take the opportunity to provide the Village residents with a brief update on the status of the joint Sewer project with the Town.

1. DEC has approved contract plans from both Village and Town. The Town has been named as lead agency on the Project. After the Town executes and returns the contract to the NYS DEC, it will still require review by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, the State Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller prior to DEC's execution.
2. Prior to construction the Town Attorney will need to affirm that the Town has acquired all property, rights-of-way, and easements necessary for the work. It is not required to have all of the easements for bidding, but have been advised it would be prudent to have the majority of them prior to bid.
3. Bidding is expected to take place over the winter once the NYS DEC grant contract and the bulk of the easements are in hand.
4. Construction completion is anticipated by the end of 2013.
5. Operation and Maintenance Agreement and Sewer Use Laws are to be prepared by the Town/Village Attorney based on current Village Sewer law.

Besides the cost saving changeover to a new lighting system (with the aid of a National Grid grant), we have been looking into alternative energy providers to reduce the cost of electricity, which is the sewer plant's largest cost at present. The Board has met with two outside suppliers for an analysis of potential cost savings on energy bills by changing to their companies as the Village's energy supplier. At these meetings it was stressed that by going with an outside supplier it would eliminate several fees (ESRM, Tariff, Merchant Function fees) charged by National Grid. The Board was told that even if their supply rate rose above that of National Grid, with eliminated fees the outside suppliers' service would still result in savings for the Village. The Board is reviewing the information and plans to make a decision soon on the best supplier to go with.

We are continually looking for cost cutting avenues to reduce not only sewer costs, but other departmental costs as well. On many projects we have been able to take advantage of shared services with different municipalities, both in manpower and equipment, which leads to reduced costs. Over the past few months the shared services agreement has been utilized in several incidences. Mike and Jesse were called to Elba to do some camera work and to Akron with the backhoe to clean out the drying bed. Also, Oakfield borrowed our milling machine and in return we borrowed a scissor lift from Oakfield to put up lighting at our plant. They have eliminated 3 light poles at the sewer plant and the other lights have been replaced by new lighting on the National Grid grant.

GRANT NEWS: The Village actively researches and pursues outside grant money to help defray costs. Of course you all remember the Drainage grant which closed out in 2011 and now we have the Joint Sewer grant to look forward to. Besides these larger grants, the Village has received the National Grid grant previously mentioned, an Archives grant which supplied much needed storage for the Village Offices, a Court grant for Court supplies.

Grant News Continued:

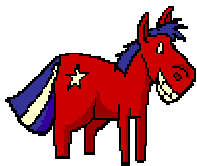
We have recently received notification of an award of \$12,953.00 for Recycling grant to cover part of the cost for our leaf vacuum. In October we also received a letter from Stop DWI announcing the reinstatement of our STOP DWI grant funding. We have been awarded \$3,030.00 for 2013 extra DWI patrols.

We are currently waiting for word on awards from GoArt, which applies to the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) for funding, which they then distribute throughout Genesee and Orleans Counties with their Grant Programs. We have been fortunate in the past several years to have received grant assistance from GoArt for our annual Winterfest, so we are hoping for their assistance this year.

The Board recently met with Dawn Kuras from USDA for information on their Rural Development Community Facility Program and Water and Sewer Loan and Grant Programs to become familiar with what is available for potential future projects.

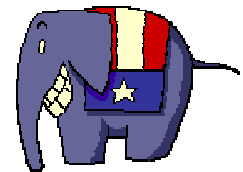
PLANNING BOARD UPDATE: Planning Board Chairman Dave Saleh presented two options to the Board of Trustees regarding Neighborhood Zoning, which were based on other municipality's models with modifications. The Board will be reviewing the proposed plans to make sure it fits into our Zoning Law. Public hearings will be required and announced in the near future.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS from Sgt. Jim Meier: As a new year starts we look back on a successful 2012. The Village police officers wrote over 2500 traffic tickets. We made it through the summer with relatively few problems. We were able to get our stop DWI funding reinstated for 2013. In 2013 we look forward to making that next step by having more consistent coverage and to continue keeping the streets of our village safe.



ELECTION REMINDER

TUESDAY MARCH 19, 2013



The Annual Village of Corfu Election will be held at the Community Center at 116 East Main Street, Corfu. Polls will be open from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 pm.

The offices to be filled are as follows:

Mayor (1)	Term ----- 2 Years	4/02/13 – 4/06/15
Trustee (2)	Term ----- 2 Years	4/02/13 – 4/06/15
Justice (1)	Term-----4 Years	4/02/13 – 4/03/17

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, January 23rd** at 7:00 pm at the Community Center at 116 East Main Street.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, January 29th** at 7:00 pm at the Community Center at 116 East Main Street.

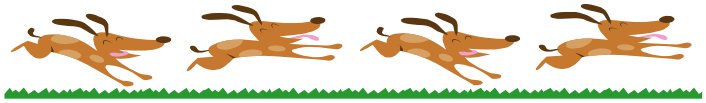
Any resident not registered to vote must do so with the Genesee County Board of Elections at least ten (10) days before such Village election.



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.

- 1) Please do not pile snow from driveways onto the sidewalks, particularly after the Village plow has gone through.
- 2) Please remember there is a parking ban on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from November 1st to April 30th. Vehicles in violation will be issued tickets and may be towed away. This is regardless of whether or not there is snow.
- 3) Please do not park on sidewalks or block sidewalks at any time.



There is a leash law in the Village. ALSO, 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. Also do not bury it under the snow!

PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!



FIRE HYDRANTS

It is everyone's job to keep the fire hydrants clear of snow. The Village will be working with the Fire Department to help keep them open, but for your own safety it is imperative we all work together to keep them clear.

Also, the Village Office has received calls regarding the street plows blocking the ends of their driveways with snow. The Village does not plow the streets so has no control over that.

CORFU FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

From Cathy Skeet – President of the Corfu Fire Department

Happy New Year and what a great year 2012 was for the fire department! We averaged nearly one new member a month and we had 84 "In House" training evolutions for a total of 1643 hours of training. Our top ten members in non state training hours - Ben Trapani 97.0, Mitch Bates 96.5, Brad Lang 95.5, Steve Rodland 94.0, Brian Schollard 92.0, Dan Smith 87.0, Matt Lenhard 86.5, Bernie Fix 78.0, Greg Lang 74.0 and Rob McNally 71.5 hours. Mitch Bates had the most overall training hours for 2012 with a total 141.5 hours and Ben Trapani was our top responder with 73 calls. Awesome job everyone!

Our other exciting news is we have purchased new extrication equipment. Brian Schollard researched available equipment that would be compatible with what we already have and also with Darien's in case of mutual aid and he found us a great deal. The tools have arrived and they were paid for in full by the generosity of the community through the summer boot drives and this year's fund drive. Thank you for all your support. We will have the extrication tools on display at Winterfest.

The elections were held in December and the following are the 2013 firematic officers Dean Eck Chief, Brian Schollard 1st Assistant Chief, Greg Lang 2nd Assistant Chief., Senior Captain Brian McMartin, Fire Police Captain Bernie Fix, Truck Captains Mitch Bates, Brad Lang and Ben Trapani. Lieutenants are Steve Rodland, Colby Sanner, Dan Smith, Renee Krzanak and Safety Officer Rob McNally. 2013 Executive Officers are Cathy Skeet President, Ben Trapani Vice President, Paula Trapani Secretary and Jen Eck Treasurer. Trustees Bernie Fix, Charles Alexander and Ray Zwolinski. Sergeant of Arms Allan Starkweather and Chaplain Rev Charlie Alexander. The fire department would like to thank the Corfu Fire District Officers Bruce Fauth, Linda Tucker, Jim Mallory, Jenny McMartin, Dave Saleh, Ben Trapani and Michelle Sformo for your help and guidance in 2012 and we look forward to a wonderful 2013!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

The Town of Pembroke’s Bi-Centennial Time Capsule was buried at the “Old Buffalo Road Cemetery” on Route 5 in November. It was the final event of the Bi-Centennial. Town of Pembroke Bi-Centennial History Books are still available for \$10 at the Village and Town offices. Now some historical Corfu tidbits on some Corfu “firsts”:

- The Corfu United Presbyterian Church was the first organized church in Corfu. It was formed in 1817 as the Presbyterian Church of Pembroke. The church building was built in 1831 and is still in use.
- Corfu’s first public school started in 1820.
- The first long distance phone line in Corfu was installed in Steven’s Corner Store in 1903 (on the corner of Rte 33 & 77).
- The first electric lines were installed in the Village between 1916-17. The first electric street lights were installed in 1920.
- The first TV set was on display at Tyler’s Appliances in the late 1940’s (next to the Corner Store).
- Celeste Reynolds was Corfu’s first female Postmaster (1940-1968).
- Eva Kriger was the first female Village Trustee in 1957.
- Elaine Hensel was Corfu’s first female Mayor and the first female Mayor in Genesee County. She was Mayor from 1991-1995.
- When the Union Hotel was rebuilt in 1886 after it was destroyed by fire, it had one of the first “Floating” dance floor’s in the United States.
- Scott’s Greenhouse had the first portable greenhouse in the United States in 1963.

BE SURE TO STOP BY AND SEE THE HISTORICAL DISPLAY AT THE CORFU-PEMBROKE WINTERFEST ON JANUARY 26, 2013!!



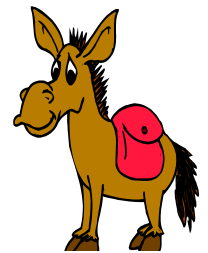
PEMBROKE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS WILL RESUME IN APRIL AT PEMBROKE TOWN HALL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd 7:00 pm

“THE PEACE GARDEN IN BATAVIA” by Barb Toal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st 7:00 pm

“DRIVING MULES ON THE ERIE CANAL” by Charles Silvernail



SUMMER IN D.C. ADULT TRIP with GREG KINAL: JULY 8th – 11th, 2013

Trip Highlights Include: Gettysburg Battlefield & Cemetery, Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, Tribute to 9/11, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Changing of Guard, Mt. Vernon, Museum of American History, Memorial Buildings, Union Station, Kennedy Center Show “Sheer Madness”, AND MORE!



For Further Information and Reservations Contact: Sue Dibble 585-762-9283

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



**SUPPORT
PEMBROKE GOES PINK**



2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Girls' Basketball Game vs. Holley
Jan. 24th @ 5:30 p.m.
Benefit in conjunction with Roswell Park Cancer Institute

TOWN OF PEMBROKE



STILL AVAILABLE!
BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK \$10.00 EA
CALENDARS \$5.00 EA
Available at upcoming Winterfest or contact Nicole Begin at Town Office 585-599-4892 Ext. 21

**PEMBROKE'S
GOT TALENT!**



February 6th 7:00 PM
High School Auditorium
For more info contact the school at 599-4525

CORFU FIRE DEPT



Meet every Monday Night
Stop in for a tour!
Looking for Volunteers

See you at Winterfest!

**Pembroke Theatre Arts Club
Proudly Presents ...**



Feb. 28 & March 1 @ 7:30 p.m.
March 2 @ 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Pembroke High School

**BATAVIA MUCKDOGS
ANNUAL "HOT STOVE" DINNER**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 4:00 PM
AT THE CLARION HOTEL
TICKETS \$25.00
Contact: Al Starkweather at 599-4195

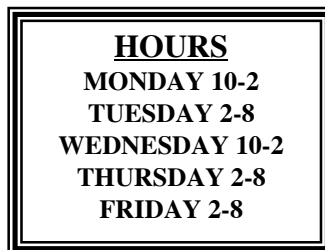
CORFU LIBRARY NEWS



MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH 6:00 PM

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CORFU LIBRARY HOURS



*Reminder:
When the Pembroke Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Library is also closed*

CORFU LIBRARY NEWS



Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30 am

Support the Library by donating to their Paper Recycling Bin. See website for more info.
www.corfufreelibrary.org

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.



COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE CORFU-PEMBROKE COMMUNITY WINTERFEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th FROM 12 noon – 8 PM
116 EAST MAIN ST. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Join Emcee John La Mond
and your friends and neighbors for a day of
Music & Entertainment, Food, Prizes and Much More!

Bring canned goods & nonperishables for Door Prize Tickets
To benefit Local Food Pantry!

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO
HONOR OUR AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS
4:00 – 5:00 PM**

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION BY
AL STARKWEATHER –HISTORIAN

OUTSIDE EVENTS INCLUDING:
WEATHER PERMITTING – (Bring Skates & Sled)
SLEDDING
ICE SKATING RINK (Bigger than ever)
BONFIRE
BOY SCOUT CAMPSITE

MUSIC ALL DAY INCLUDING:
CORFU/PEMBROKE COMMUNITY BAND Noon-2 pm
GLENN COLTON IN CONCERT 3-4 pm
CRAIG WILKINS COUNTRY MUSIC 5-8 pm

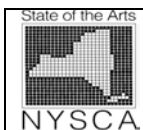
OTHER FUN THINGS INCLUDING:
K-9 DEMO- Officer Thompson
PYA BASKET RAFFLE
MAGIC BY LARRY KOHORST
PAUL SCHULER BALLOONS
BOPPING HEADS ENTERTAINMENT VIDEOS
VFW 50/50 RAFFLE

AND MORE!!!

CORFU FIRE DEPARTMENT - FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES & DISPLAYS
GENESSEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SAFE CHILD I.D. PROGRAM SIGN UPS 3:30 – 6:30 PM
DWI DEMONSTRATION & PARTICIPATION WITH "FATAL VISION GOGGLES"

AND ALL KINDS OF FOOD (So Bring Your Appetite!)

For More Information, Contact the Corfu Village Office at 585-599-3327



"This event is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council."

