



# VILLAGE OF CORFU

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

WINTER 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

Court is held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday of the month

## 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 [clerk@corfuny.com](mailto:clerk@corfuny.com)  
Village Deputy [deputyclerk@corfuny.com](mailto:deputyclerk@corfuny.com)

### Village Board:

Dep. Mayor Dave Bielec [deputymayor@corfuny.com](mailto:deputymayor@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Keith Busch [susbus5@aol.com](mailto:susbus5@aol.com)  
Trustee Ken Lauer [ken@kesyoni.com](mailto:ken@kesyoni.com)  
Trustee Art Ianni [arthur.ianni.corfu@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.ianni.corfu@gmail.com)

### Code Enforcement Officer:

Craig Blake [elgringoceb@gmail.com](mailto:elgringoceb@gmail.com)

THE WINTERFEST COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE  
TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Gary Herman/Bottle Junction-

For Recycling & Donation for Ice rink:

Tom Metz/ Insty-prints

For Winterfest Posters:

John Pfalzer/Ax Men

For donation of Firewood for Bonfire

Paula Trapani/Doritex

For Donation of Floor mats

Dadio's - For Fundraising

And all the volunteers that have  
helped with the event!

## WINTERFEST 2015



Winterfest 2015 will be held on Saturday,  
January 24, 2015 from 12 noon to 8:00 pm.

There will be new entertainment, including a  
DANCE featuring Bobby Lebel and the  
Damned Fine Rebels, 4:30-7 pm.

Swing, Rock & Roll, Country & more  
Be sure to reserve the date to join the community for  
some fun and entertainment.

More details follow later in the newsletter.

For further information contact Pam Ware at 599-3817

## CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS

The Republican Caucus will be held  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

The Democratic Caucus will be held  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Both Caucuses will be held at the  
Community Center.

Due to St. Patrick's Day holiday, Village  
elections will take place Wednesday,  
March 18, 2015 at the Community Center  
between 12 noon and 9:00 pm.

**Get involved! It's your Village!**

# BOARD CONNECTION

Happy New Year from your Village Board! It's been an unpredictable winter so far, from one extreme to the other. We hope all our residents got through the November blizzard without any major mishaps. We would like to commend Jesse Stocking and all those who assisted, for their tireless work cleaning up after the November blizzard. A job well done!

## **SEWER PROJECT:**

The Sewer Project is in its final stages. A majority of the Town residents are now hooked into the Village Plant. Final landscaping and cleanup will be taking place in the spring. In the Village, maintenance and Camden Group have been working with the Town of Pembroke to assure a smooth transition with the new system and we are still on schedule for a spring completion. This is truly a joint venture with the Town and a perfect example of working together for the good of the community. If you are interested in more detailed updates, contact the Village office or check meeting minutes on our website [corfuny.com](http://corfuny.com).

## **POLICE:**

Members of the Board on the negotiating committee recently met with the CSEA Union for negotiations on the Police Contract. They will be meeting again in the near future to further review and amend the proposed contract. It is still pending and new details will be passed on when they are available.

## **PLANNING BOARD:**

The Planning Board has been working with Triton Homes regarding a potential small subdivision to be located on Fieldcrest Drive at the west end of the Village. The Planning Board, along with Code Enforcement Officer Craig Blake, has also been working on solutions to take care of some of the abandoned or neglected properties in the Village.

## **GRANTS:**

The Village is pleased to announce the award of a \$2,267.00 grant from Genesee County Stop-DWI program for 2015. The grant will cover some additional police coverage for DWI patrols, especially during Concert season, as well as some DWI related equipment. Thanks to Officer Rich Retzlaff for his work on obtaining this grant.

An application has also been submitted for the annual JCAP (Justice Court) grant to be used for secure Court storage and some office equipment. Awards for this grant have not been announced yet.

## **BUDGET:**

It's that time of year again and the Board has begun work on the 2015-16 annual budget. A budget meeting has been scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, as well as during regular Board meetings. The Board always appreciates the feedback of the residents during these trying financial times. All of these meetings are open to the public.

## **ELECTIONS:**

We want to remind you that the Republican Caucus will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm and the Democratic Caucus will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm. Both Caucuses will be held at the Community Center. You do have a say in who represents you in Village government. Attend your party caucus and speak up! Also please note that due to St. Patrick's Day holiday, Village elections will take place on **Wednesday**, March 18, 2015 at the Community Center between 12 noon and 9:00 pm.

## DISSOLUTION COMMITTEE:

The Dissolution Steering Committee has been meeting regularly to review and discuss whether dissolution of the Village will benefit the taxpayers, as well as explore the continuation of various services the Village residents now receive. The plan is being developed with the expectation that upon the dissolution of the Village, the succeeding Town government will provide for and comply with the plan as set forth. Once the complete dissolution plan is drawn up, the next step will be a formal Public Hearing to present the final plan, which accomplishes two things; First, it provides an opportunity for those affected by the proposal to comment on it; Second, the date on which the Public Hearing is held is used as the date the proposal was formally "presented", to make sure there is proper timing between the submission of the dissolution proposition to referendum (the Public Hearing) and the date on which the public will vote on the proposition, as the Law requires.

If the proposition to dissolve the Village is approved by a majority of qualified voters, the Village of Corfu could be dissolved as of December 31, 2016, or sooner. If the proposition to dissolve the Village is not approved by a majority of those voting on the question, the Village will continue to operate as before the vote.

The dissolution plan will address not only how Village functions or services will continue if the Village dissolves, but also which aspects of Village government will change due to merging two governments into one.

Following are some of the key elements that will be addressed in some detail in the final dissolution plan:

- Disposition of real property, equipment and fixed assets;
- Continuation of specified services;
- Elimination of existing positions;
- Future employment and continuation of benefits for employees that will transition to Town;
- Continuation, elimination or modification of local laws;
- Provisions for existing debt and obligations, and impact of recurring obligations;
- Transition of Village records and books to the Town;
- Village revenues that will become Town revenues;
- Projection of expenses and tax implications of the dissolution of the Village into the Town;
- Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement transition to the Town
- Transition of water and sewer services for Village residents to the Town

The Steering Committee has their next meeting scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>. Once a final draft of the dissolution plan is agreed upon by the committee, it will go to the Village Board for adoption and the date for the Public hearing will be set and advertised. Once adopted, a copy of the proposed final plan will be available at the Village Office and on the Village website prior to the Public hearing for residents to review.

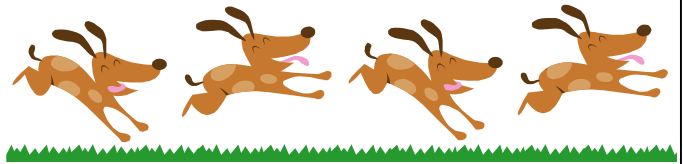
Don't forget, this is just a committee to examine and explore the potential benefits or ramifications of a Village Dissolution. It is you, the residents, who have the final say! All meetings are advertised open meetings. Your opinion is important!



**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 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. Do not block sidewalks at any time!
- 2) Remember there is a parking ban on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from Nov. 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.



**REMINDER for WINTERFEST!**

**Bring nonperishable food items for area food pantries & receive door prize tickets.**

**Donate canned & dry pet foods & get door prize tickets for Emergency Pet First Aid Kit & other goodies.**

**Help support  
Volunteers for Animals and  
Genesee County Animal Shelter!**

**2015 CORFU/PEMBROKE WINTERFEST  
VENDORS, CRAFTERS & FUND RAISING GROUPS**

- CORFU HISTORIAN AL STARKWEATHER – “HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD” DISPLAY
- SWEET DREAM MAPLE FARM – MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTS
- YWCA ARTISANS AT NORTH STREET – JEWELRY/CRAFTS
- GERRY PRIEBE – HANDKNIT ITEMS
- FUNNY FARM – HONEY & BEES WAX
- KATE MARTIN – JEWELRY & KNITTED ITEMS
- SEAJAY’S CREATIONS – TURNED WOOD ITEMS
- TAIL-A-WAGGIN K-9 TREATS – PET TREATS
- KOZY KABIN – CUSTOM MADE WOOD ITEMS, HONEY
- KITTY KRAZED KAT TREATS – ORGANIC CATNIP TREATS
- ALPACA ODYSSEY – WOVEN ITEMS
- BOY SCOUT TROOP 6066 – YANCEY’S FANCY CHEESE, CANDY BARS, POPCORN
- DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS – LOTTERY TREE, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE
- PEMBROKE HS CLASS OF 2016 – DISCOUNT CARDS
- PEMBROKE HS CLASS OF 2015 – RICHLEY’S BBQ FUND RAISER
- PEMBROKE HS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS – TACOS IN A BAG
- PEMBROKE YOUTH ATHLETICS – HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS
- PYA CHEERLEADERS – BASKET RAFFLE
- GIRL SCOUT TROOP 42110 – CRAFT
- INDIAN FALLS METHODIST CHURCH – CHILI, BAKE SALE
- CORFU FREE LIBRARY – CHICKEN BBQ – PREORDER SALES 585-599-3321
- VFW POST 9000 – 50/50 RAFFLE, CANDY BARS
- AMERICAN LEGION/HOGS FOR HEROES – ITEMS AND 50/50 RAFFLE

**IN THE KID’S KORNER (FIREMEN’S ROOM) – CORFU FD (ACTIVITIES), PAUL SCHULER BALLOONS, PEMBROKE ART CLUB (FACE PAINTING), CSX & STATE FARM (KID’S GIVEAWAYS) - AND MORE!**

**COMMUNITY INFO BROCHURES – GEN. CO. CLERK, YOUTH BUREAU, RSVP-OFA - AND MORE!**

**GEN. CO. SHERIFF – SAFE CHILD ID, K-9 DEMO WITH DESTRO**

**UNDER THE BIG TOP – COMMUNITY BAND, LARRY KOHORST MAGIC, BOBBY LEBEL & THE DAMNED FINE REBELS (DANCE & MUSIC)**

**DON’T MISS THE SKYHUNTER RAPTORS & DOOR PRIZES SET UP IN THE COURTROOM!**

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

### Historical Tidbits!

- On October 28, 1865, a “Great Squirrel Hunt” was held in Corfu. Captain Jones’ team got 867 squirrels and Captain Edwards’ team got 547. During the hunt, Mr. Winans caught the largest white owl ever seen in this area. He put it on display at his Union Hotel in Corfu. (from Progressive Batavian)
- Frank Edwards was struck and killed by lightning on September 30, 1879. Mr. Edwards, his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Farnum and two children were in Mr. Edwards’ carriage and had started out on an afternoon drive. A thunderstorm with driving rain came up unexpectedly. They pulled up under a tree near Evergreen Hill Cemetery. A bolt of lightning struck the tree, splitting it in half. Mr. Edwards fell back into Mrs. Farnum’s (his sister) arms and the horses fell over. The horses and Mr. Edwards were dead. No one else was injured. (from Batavia Daily)
- On July 1, 1903, the New York Central Railroad sold round trip tickets from Batavia to Corfu for 35 cents for the big Fourth of July celebration in Corfu. (from Batavia Daily)
- On May 23, 1903 it was reported that James Farnum of Corfu had grown two novelty trees in his greenhouse. One was a 1 ½ foot orange tree that bore several walnut size oranges. The other was a lemon tree about 2 feet high. The Lemon tree is now in bloom and has several lemons on it. The lemons are larger than normal and have a better flavor. (from Batavia Daily)
- On October 4, 1917 a large concert was held in Corfu. Bands from Corfu, Batavia, Clarence, Attica, Darien and Alexander all attended. (from Corfu Enterprise)
- The streets of Corfu were covered with oil by the Standard Oil Company on June 17, 1919. (from Corfu Enterprise)
- On May 22, 1966, Susan Wilson (20) from Watertown was visiting friends at the corner of East Main and Meadowbrook Terrace, when she was killed when a pistol was accidentally discharged. The shot went through a wall and struck Susan in the next room. (from Batavia Daily)

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**Remember the Winterfest is January 24<sup>th</sup>!  
Stop by and see my Display!**

### **DON'T MISS WINTERFEST 2015 – SAT., JAN. 24, 2015: 12 noon-8:00 pm**

**Bring canned goods & nonperishables for Door Prize Tickets to benefit area food/meals programs!**

**ALSO bring Dog & Cat Food for Door Prize Tickets to benefit Genesee Co. Animal Shelter!**

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION  
BY HISTORIAN, AL STARKWEATHER  
“HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD!”**

**SKYHUNTERS BIRDS OF PREY(Courtroom)**

**OUTSIDE EVENTS INCLUDING:  
WEATHER PERMITTING – (Bring Skates & Sled)  
ICE SKATING RINK  
SLEDDING & BONFIRE**

**K-9 DEMO – DESTRO & OFFICER ERION 12:00 NOON**

**ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY INCLUDING:  
CORFU/PEMBROKE COMMUNITY BAND 12-2 pm  
MAGIC BY LARRY KOHORST 2:30-4:00 pm  
MUSIC & DANCE with BOBBY LABEL &  
THE DAMN FINE REBELS 4:30 – 7 pm**

**OTHER FUN THINGS INCLUDE:  
ARTISAN DISPLAYS & DEMOS  
PYA BASKET RAFFLE  
DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS  
NEW VENDORS, CRAFTERS & GROUPS**

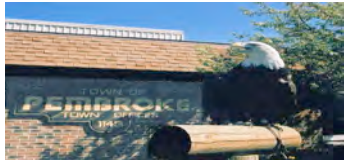
**NEW THIS YEAR: KID’S KORNER – A roomful of youth-based activities and giveaways!**

ALSO ALL KINDS OF DELICIOUS FOOD (So bring your appetite!)  
Chili – Baked Goods – Tacos in a bag – Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
Corfu Free Library Chicken BBQ – pre-sale tickets 585-599-3321

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMPLETE LISTING OF PARTICIPANTS**

CONTACT PAM WARE at 599-3817 or the Village Office at 599-3327

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



**MUNICIPAL CLOSINGS!**

VILLAGE & TOWN OFFICES  
AND SCHOOLS  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, JAN.19,2015  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
BIRTHDAY.

**CAUCUSES**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
Democrat 5:30 PM  
Republican 7:00 PM  
For Mayor & 2 Trustees

**ELECTION**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>  
GET OUT & VOTE!



**ICE RINK OPEN  
BEHIND FIRE HALL**

(Weather Permitting)  
Ice Skating Rink is  
Available for residents' use  
Both Day & Night!  
Bring a shovel, your skates,  
Be careful and Have Fun!

**CORFU FIRE DEPT**



**PALM SUNDAY  
CHICKEN BBQ  
March 29, 2015  
(Take Out Only)  
FD meets every Monday Night  
Stop in for a tour!  
Looking for Volunteers**



**NOVEMBER STORM DAMAGE?**

For information on Disaster  
Loan Assistance you can contact  
Small Business Assn. Customer  
Service at 800-659-2955 or email  
[disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)  
Deadline to file applications for  
Property damage is Feb. 13, 2015

**CORFU FIRE DEPT**



**SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE  
HUNTING, FISHING & MORE  
APRIL 18, 2015 at  
DARIEN FIRE HALL  
\$20.00/TICKET  
For more info contact  
Greg Lang – 585-507-9245**

**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  
On School Snow Days Library is closed.  
**Come in & check out our  
new Books and Movies**

**PEMBROKE GIRLS  
BASKETBALL  
BREAST CANCER BENEFIT**



**Thursday, February 5, 2015**  
"Pembroke Goes Pink" at  
Pembroke/Holley Girls  
Basket Ball Game  
To raise funds for Roswell Park  
Support your team & the cause

**CORFU LIBRARY NEWS**



**Preschool Storytime**  
Wednesdays 10:30 am  
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Support the Library by donating to  
their Paper Recycling Bin.  
See website for more info.  
[www.corfufreelibrary.org](http://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.