



VILLAGE OF CORFU

116 East Main Street
Corfu, NY 14036
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WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER



VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

VILLAGE COURT HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Phone: 585-599-3380

CORFU FIRE DEPT PALM SUNDAY CHICKEN BARBECUE

April 5, 2020
11am until sold out
Drive-thru pick up only
For further info contact:
Greg at 585-507-9245

CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS

The Republican Caucus will be held
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The Democratic Caucus will be held
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Village elections for two 2-yr Trustee
positions will take place on
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the
Community Center between
12:00 noon until 9:00 pm.

For further information contact
The Village Office at 599-3327.

Get involved! It's your Village!

MEETINGS

Village Board meetings are held the second
Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.
*Committee meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of
the month at 6:30 pm.*
Planning Board meetings are held the fourth
Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.
The public is welcome to attend!!!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Village Clerk clerk@corfuny.com
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Village Board:

Mayor Thomas Sargent mayor@corfuny.com
Deputy Mayor Al Graham deputymayor@corfuny.com
Trustee Ken Lauer
Trustee Mike Doktor
Trustee Larry Reisdorf

Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:

Brian Schollard codeenforcement@corfuny.com

Round Table Meeting

**Please join the Board of Trustees for a
meeting to discuss the vision for the
Village of Corfu Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020
at 11:00 AM.**

We would like to hear your input and ideas
on events to improve and grow our village.

*Planning for a possible Farmers Market and
other community events.

*Searching for residents to join our Planning
Board and Other Committees.

BOARD CONNECTION

Happy New Year from your Village Board!

PLANNING BOARD:

The Village Code Enforcement Officer Brian Schollard has been keeping busy with inspections and follow-up on violations. Also please note the Planning Board is in need of new member; meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Your input is always welcome!

GRANTS:

The Village has been awarded \$950,000 for the New Sewer Plant and \$1,735.00 for the Bullet Proof Vest Program.

BUDGET:

It's that time of year again and the Board is beginning work on the 2020-2021 annual budget. Budget meetings will be scheduled beginning in February. Please call the office for meeting dates. They will also be listed in the Daily News and on the Village website as soon as determined. All of these meetings are open to the public.

CAUCUSES & ELECTIONS:

We want to remind you that the **Village Election will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2020** at the Community Center between 12 noon and 9:00 pm. Positions to be filled are:

Trustee (2) Term ----- 2 Years 4/08/20 - 4/05/22

Attend your party caucus and speak up!

Democratic Caucus is on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center at 116 East Main Street, Corfu

Republican Caucus is on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center at 116 East Main Street, Corfu.

MAINTENANCE: Don't forget if any vehicles are parked across the sidewalks or large amounts of snow pushed onto the sidewalk, the maintenance dept. will be unable to plow those sections of sidewalk. Please see page 3 for more info on snow removal. Be considerate!

POLICE:

Just a reminder that if you intend to be away from home for any length of time you can fill out a Property Check form and our officers will keep a special eye on your property while you are gone.

SEWER:

Just a reminder that it is illegal to have sump pumps empty into the sewer. If your sump pumps are hooked up to the sewer, you must disconnect them or you can be penalized. We would also 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.

If you are unfamiliar with the Sewer Use Laws, they are available at the Village Office.

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**.

Just a reminder that Your Sewer bill reading is based on the MCWA water usage. Estimated readings may end up costing you more.



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 will not** 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. 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.

NO OPEN BURNING

Once again we remind all residents that there is no open burning allowed within the Village limits with the exception of "BBQ grills...and similar outdoor cooking devices when actually used for cooking or processing food". This is a STATE LAW & is enforceable by any conservation or police officer. If you would like more information the NYS DEC website is www.dec.ny.gov/regulations. You may be fined if found in violation of this law. **It will be enforced.**

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

Railroad

- The railroad came to Corfu in 1852.
- The first depot was on the north side of the tracks at the end of Maple Avenue (then called Railroad Street). It later moved to the south side of the tracks.
- On May 10, 1893 the world's land speed record was set by steam engine 999 from Corfu to Crittenden when it traveled 112.5 mph.
- In 1902 there was talk of a trolley line traveling from Depew to Batavia through Corfu. A petition was circulated through the Village against the trolley using Main Street to pass through the Village. Later in the year the Village Board gave its approval to the Trolley line to come through the Village. The line never got any further than Depew.

There have been several weather related events in Corfu since the early 1800's. There has been flooding due to storms and remnants of hurricanes, wind storms, ice storms, and of course snow storms. Here are a few of the ones that stand out:

- October 12, 1898 – A severe windstorm uprooted trees, damaged many roofs and tore the top off a boxcar on the rail siding in Corfu.
- April 19, 1923 – A fierce windstorm with winds over 76 mph hit the Village. The belfry of the Episcopal Church (on S. Allegheny) was blown over and blocked the street. It also tore the roof off a meat market (former Burling Drugs) and blew out many windows at Scott's Greenhouse (former Petals & Plants).
- January 1977 – There have been many snowstorms and blizzards through the years, but one that really stands out is the "Blizzard of '77". It paralyzed the Village and Genesee County for almost a week with snow and winds over 70 mph. People were stranded all over WNY. The Corfu Fire Hall was used to house many stranded motorists. The Federal Government declared WNY a "Federal Disaster Area".
- October 13, 2006 – Most of us remember the "October Storm". An October record 12" of very wet snow fell, downing trees, branches and power lines throughout much of WNY. Power was out for days in some areas. Corfu was one of the hardest hit areas in Genesee County. Much of WNY was declared a Federal Disaster Area. It would take weeks to clean up after the storm.
- July 25, 2009 – We all remember our most recent hit from Mother Nature when an EF-1 tornado hit part of the Village with winds over 100 mph. It is the only "confirmed" tornado to ever hit the Village. On July 29th NY Governor Patterson toured the damage. (This may be the only time a NY Governor ever visited Corfu.)
- Just a note: The next Pembroke historical program will begin in April. All programs are free and you don't need to be a member.