**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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**VILLAGE HOURS**

Monday: Clerk and Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer 4:00 – 6:00pm

Tuesday: Clerk – 1100am – 2:00pm

Thursday: Clerk – 11:00am – 2:00pm

Treasurer – 9:00am – 1:00pm

**There are no public office hours on Wednesday or Friday**

Message from the Mayor

The forecast for the next week is snow every day but Aurorians know we’re on the edge and about to tip into spring because people are out in their yards once again. We made it through a winter to try our souls, not to mention overburdening the village DPW and keeping residents awake with midnight snow removal, but even this winter had its bright lights. Once again thank you to the Inns-of-Aurora for three community dinners that not only gave us a welcome chance to see each other, but, with great generosity, have benefitted the Fire Department, Morgan Opera House, and the Aurora Historical Society. Thanks as well to the Aurorafest Committee for the Dish-to-Pass Community Dinner in March and their tireless fundraising for our summer bash. July 11th will be here faster than we can imagine and there’s a lot of work and planning left to do, so volunteer, share your ideas, and help float our hardworking and dedicated ship of fools.

It’s a great relief to be planning for all the activities of the next few months. Saturday, May 2nd, is the tentative date for the community work day to install the new play structure in the children’s park on Court Street. Cindy Wilcox is coordinating the effort and will be announcing the details as the date approaches. Please contact her at [cneal11@aol.com](mailto:cneal11@aol.com) if you are able to help. The summer swim program is taking shape and will run at the Wells College dock from Monday, June 29th, to Saturday, August 22nd. We will continue to have Family Friday late swims, and three weeks of swimming lessons with specific dates to be announced. Don’t forget the second annual Aurora Reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. Watch for posters announcing the time and place and be ready to join in! Mike White has been working through the winter (between snow storms) on the new Village of Aurora signs to mark village limits on Route 90 and they should be ready to be installed within the month so you will know where you are at all times.

Many of you knew Art Radcliffe, who worked for the Village for many years, a good number of them as the sole employee of Aurora’s Department of Public Works, and died in March at way too early an age. Art was a kind and generous man, dedicated to the village and to meeting the high standards he set for himself. Since the village once shared our driveway next to the old post office, and parked the village truck in what is now the Inn’s event-planning office, Art was one of the first people we met in Aurora and we remember him fondly for putting this young city couple on the right track to tackle home ownership and responsibilities. I’m sure we weren’t the only ones to benefit from his generosity and so, on behalf of the village, my sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Bonnie

**Attention Students!**

Looking for a summer job? Spend your afternoons on the lake as a lifeguard for the Summer Swim Program. Stop in the village office for an application and submit it by May 1st.

**AURORAFEST 2015 – SHIP OF FOOLS**

**SAVE THE DATE – JULY 11, 2015**

Want to help plan Aurorafest? Our next meeting is Thursday, April 9th at 7:00pm at the Fargo. Contact Jeff Blum or email Ann Balloni at [villageclerk@auroranewyork.us](mailto:villageclerk@auroranewyork.us)

**NEWS FROM THE AURORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Aurora Historical Society met March 1 at Lowe Library in Macmillian Hall on Wells Campus.  Our speaker was historian and writer Carrie Knight. Carrie presented a portion of her research on Heirloom Apples of Local Origin in Aurora and Ledyard.  A lively discussion on Local Orchards We Have Known followed.   
Our next meeting will be April 6 at 1:30 in Lowe Library in Macmillian Hall on Wells Campus.  Our topic will be Digging in the Village Archives.  Plan on joining us and help unearth some village history.  Watch for details on Pop Up Museums at Patrick Tavern this summer.

***Project Permits***

Please remember that the majority of the Village is part of the National Historic Register. Any projects, no matter how small, must go through the Village Code/Zoning Enforcement Officers to ensure proper permits, appropriate Board review, etc. Permits are required for construction, alteration, removal or demolition of any building or structure, including accessory buildings, for excavation, earth filling, and interior work and for conversions of buildings and land from one use to another. When in doubt - ASK!

Before you begin **ANY** project, contact the Village Office at 364-7293, or drop by to meet with Code and Zoning Enforcement Officers, Mick Piechuta and Patrick Doyle, on Monday afternoons from 4 to 6pm.

***Water Meter Readings***

Please be advised: The Village DPW will be contacting anyone whose water use has been estimated for more than a year to schedule an appointment for an actual read. Also, please contact the village office to schedule a final read whenever there is a change in ownership/responsibility for the account.

***Leaf and Brush Pick-Up***

**For two days only – April 30th and May 1st - the DPW will have the leaf blower available**.

After May 1st, please bag your leaves for pick-up. Brush should be cut to four-foot lengths or smaller. If you have a large amount of brush or lawn debris, Adam will drop off the Village’s trailer for you to fill as you clean up your yard. Contact Adam at 364-5239. The DPW will do their best to pick up leaves and brush daily, but sometimes they are called away to perform other duties for the Village. Your patience is appreciated.

**Village Government Officials**

**All meetings commence at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse Meeting Room**

Community Preservation Panel – 1st Wednesday Village Board of Trustees – 3rd Wednesday

Chris MacCormick – Chair Bonnie Bennett – Mayor

Jeff Blum Grace Bates

Ed Easter Janet Murphy

Claire Morehouse Alan Ominsky

Dan DiSanto Kit Van Orman

Zoning Board of Appeals – 2nd Wednesday Planning Board – 4th Wednesday

John Dentes – Chair Pat Bianconi – Chair

Karen Hindenlang Pat Foser

Marie Taylor Michele Murphy

Ann Tobey Pam Sheradin

Jeri Vargo Frank Zimdahl

Alternate – Cathy Patella