

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HOURS

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

Tuesday: Clerk – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Thursday: Clerk – 11:00am – **4:00pm** (beginning October 3)

Treasurer – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

There are no public office hours on Wednesday or Friday

Message from the Mayor

Dear Fellow Villagers,

The door on summer has just closed rather abruptly but we can be thankful for what a wonderful summer it was. Dalton Elser, our new summer dock program director, did a great job and luckily, we had only one period of closure for blue green algae during the heat wave in the first half of July. Dalton had a very good group of lifeguards and we're fortunate to be able to offer jobs to local teens. Swim lessons at the Wells pool, taught by Carolyn Connors, were full of local and area children, many of them from past years who moved up to more advanced classes. As always, we have Wells to thank for their generosity in allowing the Village the use of the college dock and swimming pool.

We continue to work on water issues, although the wheels always seem to turn slower than I would like. Good news is that the Cayuga County Legislature has adopted the Water and Sewer Authority's master plan and the Authority is moving ahead on implementing both sewer and water projects within the proposed southern county water and sewer district. We have been meeting with them regularly and offering our assistance as they apply for infrastructure grants to get the project off the ground. I will keep you posted. The other good news is that the filters we acquired last year for the Wells water plant to protect from blue green algae have been functioning well. There were numerous blooms in the lake this year, several of which were confirmed as toxic, so it's good to know our water supply is safe.

Lastly – and reluctantly, just a reminder to make sure to get your car off the street if snow is expected. It helps us plow the streets more efficiently and not have snow piles that restrict parking. Remember that sidewalk snow and ice removal is the property owner's responsibility, but, if possible, we will help keep sidewalks clear with the small plow after the streets are taken care of. Thanks to all of you for doing your part,

Bonnie

Water/Sewer Billing Changes

Water & sewer bills are sent out quarterly at the beginning of January, April, July and October. If payment is not received by the last day of the billing month then penalties are added. Beginning with the October 2019 billing, a 10% late fee will be added to bills not received by the payment deadline. If payment is still not received 30 days past the deadline, an additional 10% penalty will be added to the amount owed.

Kayak Racks

The DPW are putting the kayak racks away for the winter. If you have not already done so, please remove your kayak from the village racks ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation!

Zoning and Building Permits

Permits are required for construction, alteration, improvements, removal or demolition of any building or structure (including accessory buildings). Also; roofs, excavation, earth filling, interior work, conversions of buildings, and land from one use to another. Projects that can be seen from a public way, including from Cayuga Lake, or that alter the footprint of a structure require Community Preservation Panel/Planning Board review.

Applications for consideration before the Community Preservation Panel/Planning Board must be received in the Village Office at least 10 days prior to a meeting. Only when an application is declared complete by the Code Enforcement Officer, will it then move to the required Board(s) for review.

The Community Preservation Panel meets the first Wednesday of each month and the Planning Board meets the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Before you begin any project contact the Village Office at 364-7293 or drop by to meet with the Village Code Enforcement Officer, Patrick Doyle, on Monday from 4 to 6pm or Thursday from 2 to 4pm.

(OFFICER DOYLE IS ON VACATION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17-MONDAY, OCTOBER 21)

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LEAF BLOWER pickup dates: October 15 – mid December (weather permitting). **Leaves/brush must be in bags for pickup prior to October 15.**

Please pile brush and leaves separately, no stones in piles, and help us keep catch basins free from leaves and grass clippings. Brush should be in four-foot lengths or smaller. If you have a large amount of brush or lawn debris, Mike White will drop off the Village's trailer for you to fill as you clean up your yard. Contact Mike at 364-5239. The DPW will do their best to pick up leaves and brush daily, but sometimes they are called away to perform their other duties. Your patience is appreciated.

Dig Safely has provided the village with materials to help guide you through your project. If your project requires any type of excavation, please contact the village office or the Department of Public Works.

And please remember that there is no outside burning allowed in the Village.

NEWS FROM THE AURORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is now registered with Amazonsmiles.com If you shop Amazon, please consider using the amazonsmiles option and the fire department will receive a small donation based on a percentage of your purchase. Thank you for helping us help you!

NEWS FROM THE AURORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October at the Aurora Historical Society/Village History Center

The Smithsonian's "Water/Ways" has sailed away, but the show "How Cayuga Lake Shaped Aurora: Legends and Lore" remains at 371 Main Street through Saturday, October 12th. This special exhibit gathered fascinating displays loaned from around the region to add to those from the Village Archives. Only one, the pair of Passenger Pigeons (Wells College) is on public display (in Stratton Hall); the rest are from private collections or archives. Visit now to see: four thousand years of artifact history from Mud Lock, a survey of regional cultures (Robert Hiler); a first edition of local son Lewis Henry Morgan's "League of the Ho-de-no-sau-nee" (Rochester Public Library); the 1805 map of Aurora by Humphrey Howland (Kenneth Zabriskie); two different editions of the famed 1848 view of Aurora (Robert LoMascolo); a poster for 1847 Regatta Day with the regatta rules including "no gambling" (Wells College Archives, Long Library); a board attributed to the wreck of the Frontenac steamboat (Frontenac Historical Society, Union Springs); and early 20th century fishing, hunting, and boating gear, including a rare cork life vest of the type carried on the Frontenac (The Windmill Collection). See them and enjoy their stories; watch <https://m.facebook.com/Village-of-Aurora-Historical-Society-369255793807012/> for updates and programs. Tuesday 6:30-8:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Accessible to all and always free.

Village Government Officials

All Village Board meetings commence at 7:00 pm in the Firehouse Meeting Room

Community Preservation Panel – 1st Wednesday

Chris MacCormick – Chair
Jeff Blum
Jim Burkett
Claire Morehouse
Vacancy

Village Board of Trustees – 3rd Wednesday

Bonnie Bennett – Mayor
Grace Bates
Matt Bianconi
Janet Murphy
Kit Van Orman

Zoning Board of Appeals – 2nd Wednesday
(as needed)

Karen Hindenlang – Chair
Alexis Boyce
Laura Holland
Ann Tobey
Jeri Vargo

Planning Board – 4th Wednesday

Pat Bianconi - Chair
Pat Foser
Michele Murphy
Pam Sheradin
Frank Zimdahl
Thea Miller (alternate)