



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to everyone who submitted their meter readings early, enabling us to get the bills out before Christmas and Ann & Debbie to enjoy some time off. The Village Office will be closed December 24-January 2. If you need assistance, please call the DPW at (315) 364-5239. Happy Holidays!

The Cayuga County Health Department is replenishing our Covid test kits for 2023. Please stop by the office if you need any.

Message from the Mayor.

We wish to thank the organizers of Christmas in Aurora for this year's event. The vendor gathering at Patrick Tavern was well attended. All of the other events were very much appreciated and culminated with Christmas carols at the tree lighting and pizza at the firehouse. This has set the tone for an even bigger celebration next year.

As the year comes to a close, we wish to extend a sincere appreciation to all the Village employees and volunteers on the Boards who provide the excellent service this community enjoys. We are so fortunate to have you. Also, we wish to thank the residents who provide us your support and thoughts through the year.

We sincerely wish all of you a very happy and enjoyable New Year!

Jim Orman

NEWS FROM THE AURORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As of this writing, we have responded to 167 calls for 2022, with a 100% response rate. Three members received certification as Interior Firefighters and we have five members signed up for the County EMT class beginning in January.

Several Wells students have attended our monthly meetings and applied for membership. We voted five students into the department in December, and interviewed three more that night, and welcomed a total of fifteen new members (community residents and students) in 2022.

Thank you to all who came out to pizza night on Christmas in Aurora and for supporting our Chicken BBQs. Have a healthy and safe new year!

Historian's Corner

I love it when a query takes me into trial accounts in old newspapers, which are always lively reading. Take the tall old building that preceded the Library on the corner of Main St. and Cherry Ave., which burned under suspicious circumstances in 1890. The trial of Elias Alward Manchester for this act did not result in conviction but revealed an Aurora night life as wild as the Old West. Or then again, consider McGordon House, where in 1901, brothers John and Andrew McGordon persuaded - with the aid of a revolver - housepainter Edward Lisk to marry John's pregnant daughter. "No Bliss in Theirs," the Auburn Weekly Bulletin headline dryly commented of the wedded union that Mr. Lisk sought to have annulled.

Two recent Aurora events of entirely more respectable character showed off the newly refinished interior of the County's oldest building, Patrick Tavern (1793). In line with the educational mission of its oversight body, the Aurora Historical Society, both events featured heritage arts and crafts. On Dec. 3rd, "Christmas in Aurora" notably won out over the Bard Graduate Center in NYC to showcase lacemaker Shirley Egan. The evening gallery event on Nov. 30th organized by Janelle Smalls, Wells '24, offered an outstanding display of diverse book arts by the golden light of sconces and lamps. A participating artist from Rochester compared the Patrick Tavern interior to those at the Genesee Country Village, but ranked it "better because it is in use."

Linda Schwab, PhD
Aurora Village Historian

DPW REMINDERS

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 Code Enforcement Officer or the Department of Public Works.

The leaf machine is stored away and replaced with the plows and sander. When the snow flies, once the first sweep is complete, please move your vehicles to a cleared space so the DPW can easily plow the entire road.

Village Board Schedule

Community Preservation Panel – First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board – Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees – Third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., as needed