



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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The Village Office is generally open on Monday-Thursday, 10-4. To contact the clerk, treasurer, or code enforcement officer, please call (315) 364-7293 or via email:

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Village/Wells Survey

We want to hear from you! Please see the link below and give us your opinion on a possible Village/Wells College grant application partnership to renovate Cleveland Hall as a mixed-use business space.

Wells College Cleveland Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/47fyDdZK3wmBSAjy8>

Summer Swim Program!

We have lifeguards and swimming lessons! The Wells College dock opened for the season on July 3 and the program runs through August 20, everyday 1-5 except Fridays 1-7. Carolyn Connors has agreed to give swim lessons the weeks of July 10, July 24, and August 7 at the Wells College pool from 1-3. Lifeguards will move to the pool on swim lesson weeks and return to the dock afterwards. If the dock is closed due to inclement weather or algae blooms, we are hoping to have the Wells pool as an alternate site and signs will be posted at the dock. Please come join us!

Message from the Mayor

Hi All,

We hope you are all enjoying your summer. This continues to be a busy season for the Village. As Ann mentioned our swim program is free and open to the public. Like other villages on the lake the swim program was not open last year due to a shortage of lifeguards. However, Ann Balloni has worked diligently to partner with Wells College and Southern Cayuga High School to sufficiently staff our program with lifeguards. We are now the only village in the area with a swim program. Thanks Ann!

We have recently brought two new hires on board. Bob Rhea is the new zoning officer and replaces Dan Green. Bob is very personable and will bring a high degree of professionalism to the village. Please do not hesitate to stop in and say hi to Bob on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 – 4pm.

Aaron Van Arnum is the other new hire for DPW. He replaces our highly respected Adam Van Horn who departed to South Carolina after 23 years. Aaron has already displayed an excellent willingness to take on the different and hard tasks (e.g. sawing sidewalk pavement for repair, etc.). Also, he too is very

personable and looking forward to interacting with everyone in the Village. We are fortunate to have Aaron and Bob join us to round out an excellent staff.

We had a very nice turnout for the 11th annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Fargo on July 4th. This popular event attracts both residents and visitors in the Village. Thanks to former Mayor Bonnie Bennett for originating this event.

Thanks to all those who attended the 21st Annual Blessing of the Boats on July 1 behind St. Patrick's church. The blessing was done by Fr. Moorby and Reverend Blom and was well received by the hundreds in attendance. The event also raised a record amount for donations to charity. Many, many thanks to John Miller for organizing and maintaining this great event.

Please circle August 26th for the Aurorafest celebration. The parade and following events will be well planned and lots of fun! This year's theme is "Grateful Dead or Alive." I'm sure the parade will reflect this in different forms.

Thank you all for continuing to support our staff and we hope you all enjoy the lake and the rest of our beautiful area this summer!!

Jim Orman

HABs and Hydrilla

All of you should have received a letter and brochure from the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Hydrilla treatment schedule this summer. Treatment for this invasive weed begins on June 28 and runs weekly through August 16. Usually, the treatment will occur on Wednesdays, but it is weather dependent. The Cayuga County Health Department is monitoring all treatments and posts the results at <https://www.cayugacounty.us/1540/eradication-project-in-aurora>

As in past years, Wells College Water Treatment Plant will cease pumping during the treatment process and resume 24 hours post treatment.

Fireworks Permits

Remember that firework displays within the village require a permit. Please reference section 408 of the Village Zoning Law and contact the code enforcement officer for information on permit applications.

Tax Collection

Village taxes are now overdue. If you did not receive a bill, please contact the village office as soon as possible to limit any additional late fees.

SCAT Van

Need a ride to the grocery store or an appointment? The Village of Aurora contracts annually with the Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County to provide SCAT van service to the disabled and the elderly.

Any person over 60 or any person under 60 with a disability that prevents them from using public transportation is eligible to use the service. Contact them at (315) 253-3548. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each one-way trip.