



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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

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Message from the Mayor:

Greetings All,

We began 2023 with high hopes to be considered for a multi-million-dollar award from NYS for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). While we scored well, the final award went to our neighboring village of Moravia. We have altered our approach for this coming year and partnered with the Villages of Union Springs and Cayuga for a joint award. In addition, we have submitted a sole proposal for Aurora. These are very detailed and time-consuming efforts in which all of us have worked closely with the Cayuga County Planning Department. We will keep applying as long as these programs are available. They represent a once in a lifetime opportunity for the village to take a giant step forward.

This year has also seen the village move forward on some projects begun years ago. We are addressing re-zoning and short-term rentals. These are very challenging issues and require a collaborative effort with the residents, village administration, Cayuga County Planning Department, and legal counsel. We hope to see you at the information session for the revised zoning law on January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan Opera House.

We have been working with NYS on paving the village portion of Rt 90. I am happy to report that we are scheduled for 2024 to have this completed and are coordinating the project with Wells College and the Inns of Aurora.

The village has also partnered with Wells on some mutual efforts. One of those is the potential to be included in the future of Cleveland Hall for future villages offices and other small business efforts. We will continue to strengthen that partnership.

Christine Tanner was hired as a part-time account clerk to assist while Debbie was out of the office. Additionally, Christine is working with the code enforcement officer, helping to reorganize the building permit files. She brings a new perspective and we welcome her aboard.

We'd like to give kudos and thanks to the Aurora Fire Department for their tireless efforts to keep our community safe and respond to those in need of medical attention. In addition, they sponsored and provided a wonderful Christmas parade on Christmas Eve for all. This along with the earlier tree lighting at Christmas in Aurora gave the village a true Hallmark feeling.

I'd like to thank our wonderful staff for all they do during the year for our village. They are the best! And I'd like to thank the members of the various boards that provide assistance to the residents and businesses to complete their projects. In closing, I'd like to extend a big appreciation to those who have the courage and commitment to run for elected office. While there may not always be full consensus on the issues there is 100% commitment on their part.

Jim Orman
Mayor

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in the firehouse meeting room from noon-9:00 p.m. There are two trustee positions open, 4-year term. Information may be found on the village website "Voting" page.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab will present "Shaped by the Revolution: Benjamin Ledyard and the Early Settlement Era" as part of the Martha Shaw Harvesting History Series at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural and Country Life Museum. The free talk is at 6 p.m. in the Karpinski Educational Center at 6880 East Lake Rd. The companion exhibits, "Meet Benjamin Ledyard" (at Patrick Tavern in Aurora) and "Despite Remonstrance" at The Ledyard Town Hall remain available. The exhibit in the Town Hall is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. For a tour of "Meet Benjamin Ledyard," please call (315) 246-1130 to arrange a time.

NEWS FROM THE AURORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We responded to 157 calls for 2023.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Ambulance Fund. As of this writing we have raised \$30,000.00 of our \$200,000.00 goal for a new ambulance. We appreciate everyone's support and if you have not donated yet, please consider. We have never billed and are dependent on donations. You never know when you may need us.

And we need you too. We welcome anyone interested in joining the fire department. Stop by and see us the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for membership information.

Have a healthy and safe new year!

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.