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To contact Anthony Filer, Aaron Van Arnum, or Mike White at the DPW, please call (315) 364-5239

**NYSEG RATE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARINGS – October 8, 215 N. Tioga St in Ithaca, 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm
(see the village website for additional times and locations)**

On Thursday, October 9, the Aurora Inn is hosting a wedding that will include fireworks. Weather permitting, the permit is for a barge 200' offshore from the Aurora Inn dock and the display should last about 10 minutes.

Message from the Mayor:

Hi All,

It has been a beautiful summer and we hope you all have enjoyed it. The Village has experienced many fun events including the Annual Aurorafest celebration. Many thanks to the Aurorafest committee for continuing to organize this for all of us to enjoy. The parade was large and enjoyable. Many thanks to Michael Peter for holding the after party at his residence. It is a generous contribution to the community and reflects the Village spirit we enjoy all year.

We are now approaching the second billing quarter for water usage. As we stated earlier, we will evaluate the water budget at the end of this coming quarter and determine if there may be some changes to this. Again, this is a result of Wells College closing.

On that subject, there has been no significant change or update in the status of any offer on the campus. We are in constant communication with the College and we will advise you when we know more.

One area the Village has addressed is becoming an interested party in the disposition of the historical records/archives, which required petitioning the County Supreme Court. This also is a significant unbudgeted cost to the Village, but we all feel they should be available here. So far, the costs have been covered by a generous donation to the Historical Society. Many thanks to Shirley Egan (President of the Society) for facilitating this. In addition, she is assisting our Village Attorney with this effort at no extra cost to the Village for her services.

The Village has finally received notice of the amounts we have received for the Patrick's Tavern building and the new Village Park from NYS pertaining to the DRI award we received. The other villages of Union Springs and Cayuga have also been notified. The Park will hopefully be

underway this spring/summer. The finishing part of the tavern should be in the same time frame.

You will notice a new front porch on Patrick Tavern. This is the result of a generous donation by Pleasant Rowland to the Historical Society for this project. Many thanks to her and to Shirley Egan for working on this together. The Village appreciates and will enjoy this wonderful addition to the Tavern. Again, it is a wonderful upgrade and a sign of progress of things to come.

We hope you enjoy the beautiful fall weather and scenery this year is bringing. Thank you for continuing to make this community a great place to live.

Jim Orman

ANNUAL REMINDERS

WATER METER READINGS: Please continue to send us your meter readings. Though we are now on a flat fee rate, it is helpful to us to monitor usage and determine if there are leaks. We appreciate your assistance.

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 by October 15. Thank you for your cooperation!

LEAF BLOWER pickup dates: October 20 – December 12 or first snow

Leaves/brush must be in bags for pickup prior to October 20.

Please pile brush and leaves separately, keep catch basins free from leaves and grass clippings and be aware that **stones and walnuts will not go through the leaf blower!** 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.

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.

BUILDING PERMITS: ALL projects require a consultation with the code/zoning officer and most require a permit; including roofs, additions, accessory structures, and demolitions, among others. Additionally, your project may require Community Preservation Panel and Planning Board review, or a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Please do not begin any project without checking with the office on the requirements and understand that, depending on the extent of your project, the review process can take up to a few months.

Historian's Corner

Recently, Bill Hecht photographed a card of the garden at C. B. Morgan House, from a series printed 1905-1910. Surprisingly, the message on the reverse was in Japanese! There was only one possible writer: Tano Jodai, Wells Class of 1917 (M.A.), one of Wells' most distinguished alumnae. Her later career was notable for its outstanding contributions to women's education in Japan and to the peace movement, especially following WWII. As President of Japan Women's University, she returned to Wells in 1956; describing the campus as "too beautiful to be true," she remarked "I owe everything to Wells." Read the rest of the story in "From Main to the Kicking Tree," the new display at Patrick Tavern, and stop by the Open House on Saturday, October 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Linda Schwab, Village Historian