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

(We are still working on the new village website and updating to .gov email addresses. We appreciate your patience)

Message from the Mayor:

Dear Neighbors,

As the crisp autumn air settles over Cayuga Lake, I want to take a moment to share some exciting updates, celebrate recent village highlights, and keep you informed on the important work your Village Board has been doing behind the scenes.

This summer's 52nd annual Aurora Fest was a wonderful success! From the morning Fun Run and lakefront yoga to the Farmers Market, delicious food truck offerings, and fun games for the kids, our village was alive with energy.

Moving the parade start time to 5:00 PM allowed everyone in the village to celebrate together smoothly, followed by a great evening of live music with The Soul Benders from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. A sincere thank you to Anastasia Parseghian, the entire Aurora Fest Planning Committee, our volunteer firefighters, and everyone who helped put this together—it truly demonstrated that "it takes a village"!

On Saturday, September 19th, I had the pleasure of attending the Aurora Ridge Farm open house and tour on Angling Road. It was inspiring to see the incredible care Bill, Penny, and their dedicated team put into operating a sustainable, environmentally friendly farm. We had the chance to tour the facilities, see the cows, and learn about the modern practices they use to protect local resources while caring for their herd and staff. Strengthening connections with our agricultural neighbors is vital as we explore opportunities for local collaboration and regional sustainability.

Our community's historical heritage remains one of our greatest assets. Recently, I had the privilege of attending Ledyard Farms Open House to view the historic Wells Fargo antique stagecoach and omnibus and take a ride in the coach. It is the first time I've done that since I graduated from Wells in 1990. For years, Bill Haines and Ledyard Farms have generously provided housing, maintenance, and care for

these magnificent pieces of local history. The Village Board is actively working to finalize ownership documentation and long-term care agreements so that these priceless artifacts remain safely rooted right here in the Aurora community for generations to come.

As you know, the Village Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Fire Department and public input is always welcome. We encourage all residents to attend meetings, ask questions, and stay engaged in shaping Aurora's future. My next office hours are scheduled for 9-12 on October 10th.

Thank you for your continued support and passion for our wonderful community!

Warm regards,
Janet Murphy
Mayor, Village of Aurora

DPW Reminders

Please do NOT put brush, yard waste, and household garbage in the municipal trash cans!

LEAF BLOWER pickup dates: October 13 – December 11 or first snow

Leaves/brush must be in bags for pickup prior to October 13.

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.

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!

Historian's Corner: On Orchard Lane and Cherry Avenue

A recent query shed some new light on these familiar names. Although a map of the estate of Louise Morgan Zabriskie (d. 1906) included orchards east of Court St. in her estate, they may well have dated almost a century earlier. The 1805 map of Aurora shows a large house built by Capt. John Burnham, earlier ransomed from Algerian pirates "for his weight in silver," on the site of today's "Zabriskie House." When Capt. John sold his Aurora home in 1817, he advertised "a two-acre lot in the centre of the village," with the house "surrounded by thirty grafted apple trees" and "sixty peach trees, pear trees, plums, cherries and grapes, all bearing fruit of superior quality." It seems likely that these orchards were the nucleus of the later Morgan-owned orchards, and the street names of today.

Village Historian Linda Schwab thanks Burnham descendant Adam Tabelski for his query and Jessica Armstrong of the County Historian's office for a facsimile of the 1817 advertisement.