

Village of Fayetteville

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Board of Trustees meet on
the 2nd and 4th
Monday
Of each month at the
Village Hall
At 7:30 pm

News from the Mayor

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and let me wish you all the best for 2010. The New Year is starting off in the right direction for the village. As I write this article, I'm proud to announce that we have started work on the DOT property, next to the Freedom of Espresso. We are clearing away some dead trees and starting to take down the fence that was in the front of the property. This is being done by our DPW crews. We are also working on the preliminary plans from our landscape engineers. Once this plan is finalized we will be hosting a public workshop to finalize the plan and get it out to bid so work can begin as soon as possible. This project has taken over 30 years to get where we are today and I want to thank everyone involved in getting us to this point. A special thank you goes to all our past mayors- McIntosh, Loosman, Lannon, and Parnell- for starting and working on this very important park for our village.

We have started the 2010-2011 budgets. I have stated in the past that this year is going to be one of the most challenging years we have had in a long time. We have asked all department heads to look at ways to cut 5-10% from their operating lines and to find ways to keep all programs intact. Our village has been successful in the past in meeting these challenges because of our dedicated employees and sound fiscal planning. This year, we will do our best to make sure that we continue to provide quality of life services that we all enjoy, while looking at every budget line to make sure it makes sense and we can afford to continue to do it the way we have done it in the past.

We will continue to look at ways to consolidate and cooperate with our fellow municipalities. Recently, the villages of Manlius, Minoa and Fayetteville put out a bid for ambulance billing services. I'm pleased to announce by doing this competitive bid we were able to save 4% over our current billing services, saving us over \$30,000 a year for this service. We are also looking at several other areas to keep our tax as low as possible.

Every year I put together a top list of items we want to

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accomplish in the upcoming year. Below you will see that we have many projects that we feel are important to keep the village moving in a positive direction:

2010 TOP 10 GOALS

1. DOT Park Project-Implement Phase 1
2. Safe Routes to School Project-completed
3. Firehouse Renovation- on time & budget
4. Stabilize tax rate at 2009/2010 or lower
5. Expand the Beautification Committee
6. Finish Duguid Park renovations
7. Consolidated FD Consultant with Town FD's
8. Revitalize stalled projects (Syracuse Plastics, OBG, Jay's Chevy, McIntyre Paper)
9. Sharing sales tax revenue agreement with County for 2010-2020
10. New & better communication with residents and more quality-of-life projects

As you can see this list will keep us very busy over the upcoming year, but it's important to keep focus on what continues to make Fayetteville special.

We have been fortunate throughout this economic downturn to have good business partners and strong financial practices as we head out of the worst economic time since the Great Depression. Many great projects are coming to our village. Pascale's Restaurant in Limestone Plaza is close to being done. This will help revitalize this historic part of our village. The Mobil renovation is almost complete in the lower village and soon we will have a new Express Mart that will offer many more services than the old gas station did. Several businesses are starting to renovate and expand, and the village will continue to do everything in its power to help these projects and see that they enhance our village to become a part of the fabric of our community. I also want to mention all the extraordinary work being done by the homeowners throughout the village. I hear so many compliments about how great the village looks and I always say it's because of the hard work of our residents and our employees that this is possible. To all involved- thank you.

You should know the City of Syracuse, Towns, Villages, and School Districts throughout Onondaga County are **in the process of renegotiating the sales tax agreement**. I have met with all the mayors in Onondaga County, as well as our County legislator Kevin Holmquist, and had the opportunity to speak in front of the Legislature at their last meeting to let them know how important the sales tax revenue is to the village. **Last year, sales tax accounted for 20% of our revenue and all indications so far are that we could lose anywhere from 10-40%. This could greatly affect every aspect of our village in the upcoming budget.** We are working with all of our elected officials and trying to get the best and fairest sharing agreement for all involved. We will keep you informed on all the latest through our website, but I encourage all of you to stay informed and **reach out to our county legislator and let him know how important it is to keep our tax dollars local.**

We have been very busy to start off the new year and I feel strongly that 2010 will be a good year for our village and its neighborhoods. We will continue to let you know what's happening in our village and if you have questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me. Thanks again for the honor of serving you as mayor.

Mark A. Olson
Mayor



Trustee Mike Small

[Liason to Fire Dept., Parks Commission, Tree Commission, Sidewalks]



Happy 2010!! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the decorations throughout the village. The Beautification Committee was instrumental in lighting the East Genesee Street bridge, a recommendation from a resident for many years! Along with the snow flakes, it looked beautiful. Although the winter is in full swing, the committee has been planning for this year's flower pots that lined Genesee Street last summer. Five full months of beautiful flowering pots were well-received and complimented on by many residents and friends passing through our village. They have received almost \$5000 in donations towards this project and on behalf of the committee and the residents, "Thank you!!" Their recommendation to the Village Board is to increase the number of flower pots this year and to expand their locations toward the post office and Beard Park. Anyone interested in helping this project may make donations through the Village Office.

The Tree Commission purchased trees this past fall and planting was completed by our DPW. This spring all who received new trees are encouraged to help them get-off to a great start and help keep them healthy. During dry spells in spring, summer and fall, water the tree and while mowing and trimming make sure you don't get too close and damage the bark. While mulching is good around the base of a tree, it is also very important not to mound the mulch up around the trunk. It should appear that there is a ring around the base when done properly. You will notice that smaller, low-growing trees are planted under wires to allow for their maturity, without the need to trim them. The village receives a grant from National Grid for all the appropriate trees we plant under their wires. The Commission works hard year-round in trimming and maintaining the street trees we enjoy in our village.

The Fire Department continues to work toward the renovation project scheduled to begin this spring. During the winter months, you may consider adopting a fire hydrant near your home and keeping the snow shoveled near it so it is readily accessible if needed. Winter fire prevention includes making sure your chimney is clean, checking your furnace to make sure it is operating properly, and changing the filters in your furnace.

Enjoy the remainder of winter!

Trustee Mike Small

Trustee Chris Randall

[Liason to Library, Police, Street Lighting, Pandemic Committee]



RENTAL PROPERTY

For the past few months, members of the Rental Committee have been deliberating on issues that affect the village as they relate to rental property. We have seen a rapid increase in the number of rental properties, especially single and multi-family homes modified to be used as income property. In some cases, health, safety and quality of life issues are ignored by landlord and tenants alike for various reasons. Our codes department has seen numerous code violations in rental type properties in the past year, some very serious in nature. The village is committed to maintaining quality living in your neighborhood, safety for our first responders who may enter these facilities and safety for you, the public, as well. Like other neighboring villages, towns and cities, we have drafted a rental registration and inspection law and it is before the board of trustees for consideration. Should you have any input on this law, feel free to email me at crandall@fayettevillenyny.gov.

The committee is also considering a disruptive conduct law that would help landlords and the village evict problem tenants.

April 1, 2010, is Census Day.

This is when the U.S.. Census Bureau tries to count everyone living in the country. In late March a Census form will be delivered to your home. You should answer the questions for EVERYONE living in your home and return this form on April 1.

Why take a Census?

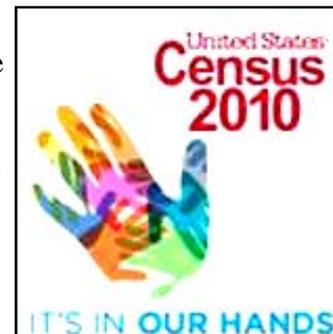
The US Constitution requires a census every 10 years to find out how many people are living in each state. This information is used to:

- Distribute money to community programs that help you
- Determine the number of representatives New York State will have in Congress for the next 10 years
- Help decide where to put hospitals, schools, bus routes, senior citizen centers, day care centers and other facilities that serve you
- Help businesses decide where to locate in your community and offer products you want
- Get a picture of your neighborhood and a look at how it is changing

> How is the Census taken?

In late March, most households in New York will get a questionnaire in the mail. In some parts of the state, census workers will deliver a questionnaire to your home. It should take less than 10 minutes to fill out the form that every household will get. The form contains 10 different questions. Some of the questions that will be asked are:

- the name of everyone in your household
- their relationship to the person filling out the census form
- each person's sex, age and date of birth
- whether each person is of Hispanic origin
- each person's race
- if you own or rent your home



www.census2010.ny.gov

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SUNDAY MUSICALE
JOHN CADLEY & THE LOST BOYS
Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 PM



SUNDAY MUSICALE
JOHNSTON SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE
& WATER STREET IRISH SESSION
Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 PM



Stickley Presents:
The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra
Ensemble Series
Sunday, March 7th at 2pm
Sunday, April 25th at 2pm



**Novel Affair
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Stickley Poppy Table
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February.

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Art Exhibit Opening & Reception

Wednesday, February 3rd at 5pm

Featuring:

Chris Murray Photography

www.chrismurrayphotography.com



Women's History Tea March 25th at 2pm

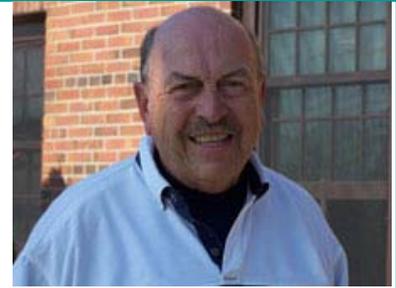
Fashion, Fads, Facts and Fun:

Retro Couture from the OHA Museum Closet

OHA presenters will demo fashions of the past!

Sign up by March 20th by calling 637-6374

Trustee Dan Kinsella



Is it a lost cause to attempt to resist chocolate?

Home/reach# is 637-9789

[Liaison to DPW, Recreation Committee, Senior Center, and the Village Court]

- Under the leadership and capable hands of Jim Crow, Gary Way, and Pat Massett [DPW], Jan Rybinski [Rec], Karen Fitzgibbons and Mike Small [Senior Center], and Judge Tom Miller [Court], my job as liaison is minimal. These people, along with their crew or committee, do a great job serving the residents of the village.

THANK YOU

- **From the DPW, a big “THANK YOU”** to the residents for their cooperation during the winter months, so that an efficient job of snow removal can be done. If a problem arises (plugged sewer, excess water, unfavorable road conditions, a fallen tree, etc.), call us and hopefully we can alleviate the problem quickly. D.P.W. tel# is 637-6065
- On January 25th, our friend Ray Van Giesen (former FM superintendent of schools), will be celebrating his 104th birthday. His standard answer when asked how to live so long is “I just keep breathing.” HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RAY!



- **Senior Center Events (637-9025):**

These are just a few of the many events and programs that will take place at the center:

2/7 (Tues) - Superbowl Party at 3 pm. RSVP BY 2/4.

2/21 (Sun) - “Senior Ball” with a DJ, roast pork dinner for \$12. RSVP by 2/17.

3/7 (Sun) - Mayor’s Dinner. RSVP by 3/4.

- **Jim Marshall Farm Foundation**, 1978 New Boston Rd, Chittenango [www.jmffing.org]

Motto: “When you help someone, you help yourself.”

This farm, “where animals help people,” is open everyday for walking and talking, horse shoes, and shuffle board. The Farm is people helping people, animals helping people, as well as professionals helping people. There are special programs and presentations on the 3rd Sunday of each month April-October. For a refreshing and rewarding experience, stop by, or for more information call 687-5064.

DID YOU KNOW?

Prescription Drugs WARNING- When buying generic drugs, be careful. I learned drug prices can vary considerably. Drug prices for a 30-day supply for Simvastatin (80mg), a generic for Zocor, in a CA town were as follows: store #1, \$7.71; store #2, \$19.87; store #3, \$24.36; store #4, \$63.59; store #5, \$89.99. The cost of Zocor was \$145 to \$213. So, it would be wise to shop around.

Trustee Mary Coleman

[Liason to Codes, Gage Foundation, Town of Manlius, Chamber of Commerce]



Only two months until spring. Time to plan your garden and only pick the plants that deer won't eat.

I have been asked to chair the committee to update the village sign code. It will be a monumental task to revise the code so that it will satisfy the needs of business owners to identify and to advertise their businesses, while maintaining the character and look of this historic village. Currently on the committee we have representatives from all the village boards (planning, zoning and historic), business owners, and residents. Your input is greatly needed. This is your village, your home.

Your ideas and opinions are very important to the village board. You can contact me via e-mail; mcoleman@fayettevillenyny.gov or phone 637-9864.

I recently had the opportunity to cruise through the Panama Canal. It was an amazing experience that gave me the opportunity to boast about Fayetteville. At every chance, and at length, I informed anyone and everyone about the canal system built in our backyard one hundred years prior to the construction of the Panama Canal. Granted, the Panama Canal was a major undertaking (as was ours) and is still an essential part of shipping, just as ours was key to the growth and development of this country.



CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER NEW LAW

Amanda's Law, passed in the 2009 Session of the New York State Legislature, will establish a new requirement for installation of carbon monoxide detectors in homes. Under the law, one-family homes, two-family homes, dwellings located in condominiums or cooperatives, and multiple dwellings must have a carbon monoxide detector installed regardless of the date of construction or sale.

The law was named after Amanda Hansen, a teenager whose life was tragically ended by a carbon monoxide leak from a defective boiler while she was sleeping at a friend's house in January 2009.

The new law requires that the carbon monoxide detector be a device meeting New York State standards, and that it be installed in an operable condition in dwellings where there are appliances or systems that may emit carbon monoxide or have an attached garage.

Amanda's Law takes effect on February 22, 2010.

Find more info at
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