

Village of Fayetteville

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Village Meetings

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

With winter quickly approaching we thought it would be good to get one more newsletter out before the snow starts falling. On behalf of all of us serving the Village of Fayetteville, I want to wish you a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and an even warmer Holiday Season.

This has been a very challenging year for the Village of Fayetteville, but also a very exciting year. At various events lately, so many residents are saying that the village is bustling even during these very tough economic times. The repairs to all the houses and businesses in the historic district are proof of this rebuilding movement that has happened throughout the village. The homeowners and businesses should be commended for all that they are doing for our great village. These properties add so much character for all residents to enjoy. I would ask you all to take a walk down East Genesee Street and you will see all the amazing things happening in the village's historic district. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough to all involved with these great projects, but to all the owners of these homes and businesses- thank you so much.

One of our challenges comes from The State of New York announcing sweeping budget cuts and increased fees at every level of the state. These increased costs to our municipality could cost village taxpayers in excess of \$200,000. Along with all of you, I share the dismay at how our state continues to push down **UN-funded** mandates and programs that burden every local taxpayer. The way the state has done business for the past decade is no longer acceptable but special interests and lobbyists have taken over Albany, and they just can't seem to turn it around. The village will continue to look at ways to control costs and to keep our tax rate as low as possible, while maintaining the quality of life we all have come to enjoy.

Therefore, we enacted a spending freeze throughout all village departments, have cancelled all outside trips and expenditures, as well as revamped our capital purchases for the remainder of the year. These cuts, along with bidding out our banking services, group health insurance and energy usage, should make up the shortfall that

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the State has put us in. We also have reserve funds in place in case the situation doesn't turn around. The village has held or reduced its tax rate per \$1000 for the past **8** years without cutting or eliminating services. We have to be able to run the village's business in the best possible way, even as the state continues to place burdens on us that hinder that from happening. Attorney General Cuomo was able to have legislation that allows the dissolution of villages and special districts to cut overlapping governmental services. Sounds great, but what this legislation has done is increase the special districts by over 35% and created yet another burden for villages.

The village of Fayetteville was formed in 1845 by the people for the people. Some may say this sounds corny, but try to call your state or federal representative. You get only staff members and rarely get a return call. The village is the most effective, responsive form of government because it was formed by the people for the people. I'm all for consolidation that makes sense in all directions and forms of government, not just in villages. Only 6% of New York residents live in villages. 100% of us pay town, state, federal and county taxes yet this legislation does nothing to deal with the real problem of too much government at the higher levels.

Despite these challenges, we are excited about the village continuing to move forward on several important projects. The "Safe Routes to School" project is in the design phase with the DOT and we are on schedule for an April 2010 construction start. The DOT Park in the lower village near Freedom of Espresso had its final public hearing last month and we are waiting for the state Canal Authority to sign over the land. We have a signed agreement and an engineering firm hired and ready to go. Our hope is to have this project in construction in the spring of 2010. The fire house renovation is coming along and construction is scheduled to start in March of 2010 if all goes as planned. There is a set of drawings at the village hall if you would like to see the layout. We have two grant projects at the Senior Center for new windows and a new ramp, which should be done by the end of the year.

As you can see, everyone involved with the village is very busy working on several key projects for all residents. I want to thank all our dedicated employees, volunteers and civic groups involved with the Village of Fayetteville. In this day and age when people are so busy that they would rather help financially than give up their time, we are so lucky that Fayetteville has bucked this trend and has countless residents stepping up for the betterment of our community. Today as we speak we have no openings on any boards serving the village. This is a true testament to our residents. It's an honor to serve you as your mayor.

Thanks and have a happy & safe Thanksgiving,

Mark A. Olson

Mayor

Village of Fayetteville

CLERK TREASURER'S OFFICE

637-9864

Please join us in welcoming Kim Wilcox to our staff at the Village Office. Kim has admirably taken on the position left vacant when Lisa Devona took a job opportunity in a neighboring municipality. Her knowledge of Codes will be a great asset to this office, in addition to her prior experience working at the Town of Sullivan offices. Please feel free to contact by phone or email either Karen, Kim or myself, Lorie Corsette, to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have .



The Village of Fayetteville is compiling a list of e-mail addresses for every resident in the Village. We are hoping to compile a comprehensive list that will help us contact you in the event of an emergency or simply as a means of getting information to you more efficiently. We are aware that many residents spend the winters in a more desirable climate and are not aware of what is happening in the community while they are away.

If you would like to be part of the Village's contacts please forward your e-mail address to me at lcorsette@fayettevilleny.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: The Village Offices will be closed:

- Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2009, for Thanksgiving.
- Thursday and Friday, December 24-25, 2009 for Christmas
- Monday, January 18, 2010, in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

For more information regarding upcoming events, meeting minutes, agendas and other important links, visit our web-site at www.fayettevilleny.gov.



The Fayetteville Beautification Committee wishes to express their gratitude for the many donations received so far. The response has been wonderful and so very much appreciated. Thank you to all who have supported this project.

Please note that we are planning for 2010 and your *tax deductible* donations are still gratefully being accepted. Please include your name and address, along with the name(s) that the contribution is in honor and/or memory, if any. If you wish an acknowledgement of your gift sent to them, please note that as well. Make checks payable to Village of Fayetteville and send it to the Beautification Committee at 425 E. Genesee Street, Fayetteville.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

~ Richard Greene, 637-9864 ext.130 ~

With the arrival of fall, the Office of Code Enforcement continues to receive a number of complaints with respect to property maintenance. Please be aware that all complaints are taken seriously, so your cooperation would be appreciated. Many times the Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) views violations of other properties when responding to the initial complaint.

Upon the CEO confirming the complaint as a violation or viewing other violations, he will attempt to make contact or leave his business card requesting the resident to contact him. A lack of response or cooperation will result in a violation letter being issued to the property owner and/or resident.

If you receive a violation letter, you can confirm the citation of the Code of the Village of Fayetteville by going to the Village's website, click on "Village Laws & Code", then click on "ecode360". For a violation of the Property Maintenance Code of New York State, we would be glad to provide you with a copy of that respective code violation, but you must call the Office and request it.

An example of some of the recent complaints include:

- **Garbage and Rubbish** – Although Chapter 86 does not regulate when one places garbage and/or rubbish containers out for collection, it would be appreciated that no containers, bags, etc. be placed on the curb **prior to 5:00 PM the day** before the garbage and/or rubbish is scheduled for pickup. Chapter 86 does require that these containers be removed from public view **the day of collection**.
- **Construction Debris** - Please note that construction debris can only be placed on the curb for collection on the **last Friday of the month**.
- **Parking on Lawns** – Chapter 187 prohibits parking in front yards or within five feet of any side or rear lot line except in driveways. This applies to all motorized vehicles including boats, trailers, etc.
- **Storage or Parking Vehicles** – Chapter 170 limits the storage or parking of any vehicle to those that are licensed. Ten (10) days after licensing, that vehicle must have an inspection sticker on the front windshield. This applies to all motorized vehicles, boats, trailers, etc.
- **Barking Dogs** – Chapter 114 prohibits any excessive or unusually loud sound from animals. Please control the barking of your dogs.

GARAGE AND OTHER SALE SIGNAGE - Chapter 187 allows for signage without a permit that advertises your personal garage, household items or lawn sale on your residence or that advertises the sale, lease or rental of your residence.

Two such signs are allowed – one on the premises of the sale and one as a directional sign to the sale.

Signage can **only** be place on your house side of a sidewalk

If there is no sidewalk, signage can be place between your house and utility poles on your property.

It is **prohibited** to place any signage on a **utility pole**.

PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

637-6065



As most of you probably already know, the Village of Fayetteville DPW no longer picks up televisions or computer monitors, towers etc. For more information on disposal, please use the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency's website at www.OCRRA.org.

PLEASE NOTE AND KEEP THIS SECTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:

The following holidays fall on normal refuse and construction debris pickup days and have been rescheduled:

THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26: PICKUP WILL BE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27: (LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH) CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24: PICKUP WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25: (LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH) CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

ALL OTHER DAYS WILL BE ON THE REGULAR SCHEDULE INCLUDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010.

This is a very busy time of year for the DPW and your patience will be appreciated.

- Leaf pickup has begun. The leaves can be placed along the curb, not in the road, and should not be put in bags or other containers.



- PLEASE DO NOT MIX ROCKS AND/OR BRANCHES WITH THE LEAVES AND

(D.P.W. continued)

DO NOT PLACE LEAVES ON OR NEAR STORM BASINS.

Brush and leaf pickup will be on a continuous basis. The DPW does not pick up grass clippings.

- Please remember when you are closing pools for the season, water cannot be drained into the roads. Check with the Code Officer regarding rules at 637-9864 x130.
- Another reminder is that there is no parking on village streets from November 1 to April 1 between the hours of 2 am and 6 am to allow plowing. Also, avoid parking across public sidewalks so the sidewalk plow operator can get through.



All snowplow operators must obtain permits at Village Hall, 425 E Genesee Street.

The Village Plow Ordinance states:

“That the licensee shall not plow or remove snow in such a fashion that it blocks sidewalks, leaves piles in the roadways or places snow or other material on property other than that being plowed, without the consent of the owner of such property.”

It is a violation of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1219 for anyone to place snow in the street.

Department of Public Works business hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

The telephone number is 637-6065. If you reach the answering machine, please leave a clear message & return number so your call can be returned.

**Thank you for your continued cooperation
as we move into the fall and winter seasons!**

Where can I recycle my old electronics?

If you have electronics in good working condition (including TVs), why not give them away for reuse? Check out the many online material exchange sites available: AroundAgain, FreeCycle, ReUseIt, etc.

The Salvation Army accepts TVs that are less than 8 years old and have no defects at all.
Note: being a non-digital TV is not a defect; with cable or a converter box non-digital TVs are still useful.

Recycling Locations

BEST BUY accepts TVs & monitors. There is a \$10 per item fee; however, you get a \$10 Best Buy gift card in return! Max 2 items per day. Best Buy does not accept TVs over 32".

BRUIN COMPUTER TRADING (Syracuse) 410-0050, does NOT accept TVs.

NEWTECH RECYCLING (Syracuse), 463-1112, accepts electronics including TVs; some fees apply. **Sony, LG, Goldstar & Zenith** electronics are accepted for **free**. **Location:** Village Office Supply, 110 Hiawatha Place, off Hiawatha Boulevard.

OC MANAGEMENT (Syracuse) 458-3242, does NOT accept TVs.

RADIO SHACK (participating stores only) Restrictions apply; call for more information.

SALVATION ARMY (Syracuse), 445-0520, only accepts recent vintage items in good working condition, no electronics over eight years old, only accepts flat screen monitors. Call for more information.

STAPLES (participating stores only) Restrictions apply; call for more information.

OCRRA's COMMUNITY COLLECTION CENTER (C3) \$10 charge per TV, monitor, or laptop. Check or credit card payments only. Cash is not accepted.

Save the world a little each day.

See how at



Old TVs are NOT trash.



Trash haulers no longer collect them; dumping is not an option...Recycle them instead.

Recycle TVs at:

- 1) **Best Buy locations:** \$10 fee + get a \$10 gift card (size restrictions apply).
- 2) **Newtech Recycling:** Call 463-1112 for fees (Sony, Zenith, LG and GoldStar items accepted for FREE).

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FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT.

637-6101 NON-EMERGENCY #

Dear Residents,

We are nearing the end of another busy year at the Fire Department. We will respond to over 2800 requests for services by the end of December. This will be the third straight year that we exceed seven calls each day. The Department handles this volume with a dedicated staff of 60 volunteer and 14 career members who dedicate their professional or personal life toward making our community safe.

As we approach the holiday season and colder weather, we would like to remind everyone about the need to keep fire hydrants accessible at all times. **Please adopt a hydrant** and keep it clear of snow, yard waste piles and any other obstructions, so fire apparatus can easily find them and connect to them in the event of a fire in your neighborhood. **Should your home not have a smoke detector and you cannot obtain one, the Fire Department will install one for you at no charge.** Please contact us Monday through Friday and ask for Captain Falgiatano to have one installed.

As the cold approaches please take the time to **have your heating source serviced** and cleaned for the season *prior* to using it. All chimneys should be cleaned on a yearly basis and have a visual inspection performed at least twice a year. Any furnace or boiler should have a yearly inspection and service maintenance completed prior to heavy seasonal use.

If you decorate your home with live holiday trees, please be certain to keep them watered and away from any heat source. Do not light candles and leave them unattended or let them burn on or near combustible materials.

Thank you for your continued support of your Fire and Ambulance Service. We can always use your help to deliver professional fire and EMS services safely to our community— consider becoming a volunteer!

Visit us at www.fayettevillefd.org or stop by the fire station at any time.

Paul Hildreth

Fire Chief
Village of Fayetteville
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

637-4715

Without a doubt, the month of October flew by! If asked, I'm sure our Fayetteville Recreation Board Members - Rich, Annette, Fran, Molly, Michele, Lisa, Karen, Carol, Hilary and Brad - would agree with my saying we look forward to the next couple months. We get to plan and participate in a couple of our favorite community events.



Next Up... Friday, **November 27th** is the Village of Fayetteville Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. As we have done for many years, our committee will be serving the refreshments and helping to provide the entertainment on the night that brings our entire community together. Enter your name in our free drawings and maybe win a prize! Stop by and say 'hello' as we celebrate the 94th year for this event.

Don't forget... Our Annual Ski and Skate Sale is Saturday, **December 5th** from **9:00am - 12 noon** at the Manlius Village Centre Auditorium. Bring your entire family, as this is a great chance to purchase used ski, skate, and snowboarding equipment at low prices!



If you have equipment to sell, we have scheduled the following dates for drop-off at the auditorium: December 1st - 4th between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm, or December 3rd from 4:30 - 7:00pm.

Families looking to register for ski programs offered by Toggenburg, Four Seasons, and Labrador should make plans to join us at this event. It's just a perfect way to get your ski pass and upgrade your equipment the same day.

Consider this... Adult basketball enthusiasts are welcome to join the fun of "open gym" every Monday and Friday evening at Wellwood from 7-9pm. We follow the school calendar regarding cancellation/vacation dates, so interested players should contact the Recreation Office for further details.



Food for thought... Can ice skating at Beard Park Pond be too far off???

FAYETTEVILLE FREE LIBRARY UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Save the Date for A Novel Affair 2010

Join us on May 21st for a festive evening in support of the Library.
Honorary Chairs H. William and Barbara Gouldthorpe present Honored Guest Daniel Hege, Music Director of the
Syracuse Symphony Orchestra
Gourmet Food, Beer & Wine * Live Music * Silent Auction

Lunchtime Learning Series: Mondays at 12:00pm At Café 300 at the FFL operated by Carnegie Catering Co.

Monday 12/7

Dr. Joe Rosney of TLC Chiropractic will talk about
osteoporosis and exercise

Monday 12/14

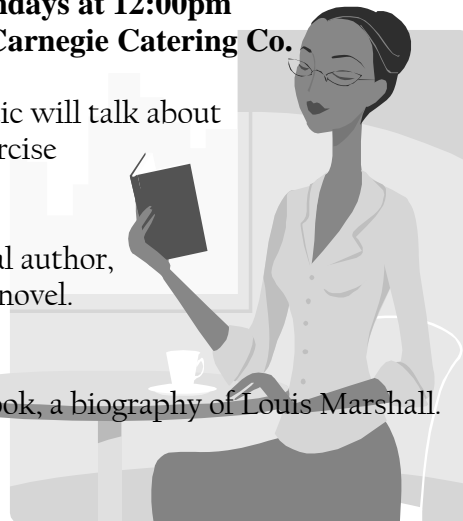
Victoria Underwood, local author,
will discuss her latest novel.

Monday 12/21

Local author, Herbert Alpert, will talk about his book, a biography of Louis Marshall.

Monday 12/28

Lou Gonzalez and Bob Cambra from Primerica will discuss "How Money Works"



Do you have a product or service to promote? You could be a presenter at Lunchtime Learning! Please call 637-6374 x 320 to inquire about winter openings.

Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 16th, from 1:30-6:30pm

The FFL will host a blood drive, in partnership with the American Red Cross, on Dec. 16th from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Please sign up by calling 637-6374, ext. 2.

Holiday Break Movie: Ice Age 3

Monday, December 28th, at 2:00pm

Join us for a screening of the movie "Ice Age 3". Attendees can enter a raffle drawing to win a copy of the DVD "Ice Age 2".

Stickley presents The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra Ensemble Series

Sunday, January 10th at 2:00pm

Join us for an ensemble concert; lecture to follow in The Stickley Museum.

Preschool Information Fair

Saturday, February 27th from 10:30am-12:00pm

Local preschools will be on hand to provide information to families about their programs.



FAYETTEVILLE SENIOR CENTER

637-9025

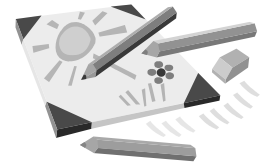
Welcome to the Fayetteville Senior Center

The Fayetteville Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We offer a daily home cooked meal, social and educational activities, trips, and entertainment for the adults aged 55+ in the greater Fayetteville area. You don't need to be a member to stop in and give us a try! Call the day ahead for a lunch reservation. Suggested lunch donation is \$3.50.

Many seniors in our community would love to come to the Center and participate in events and meals, but don't have way to get here. We are looking for **volunteers** to help transport some of your neighbors. If you can help in this way, please call us and we can put you in touch with someone who needs help or perhaps you know someone you could approach who would enjoy a day out.

Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 9:30 am there will be a free informational meeting for a Weight Watchers program. The program will last 9 weeks with meetings starting on Tues. Dec. 8th. The cost of the program is \$11 per meeting, \$99 payable in two equal installments. The "weigh in" is each Tuesday at 9:30 am with a 30 minute meeting to follow. Participants must be 18 years or older. At 11:00 there will be an exercise class (\$10 for 10 weeks) and at noon we will offer a Weight Watchers meal using Weight Watchers guidelines. Suggested meal donation is \$3.50.

Jean Somlo from Oasis will be teaching a six week Drawing Workshop beginning the week of January 18. Cost for the class is \$2 for members and \$4 for non members over age 18. Class size is limited so sign up early. Supplies will be initially supplied by the instructor. Call the Center for details.



Our Flu Clinic has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 24, from 1 to 3 pm. Appointments are not necessary but you should call ahead to make sure the vaccine has arrived. Cost is \$30 for the flu vaccine and \$50 for pneumonia. You must bring your Medicare card with you for the vaccination to be free.

AARP's 55 Alive **Defensive Driving Classes** are scheduled for:

- o Dec. 1 & 2
- o Jan. 19 & 20
- o March 9 & 10



Class is from 10 am until 2:30 pm both days. Cost is \$14. Reservations may be made by calling the Senior Center.

The Senior Center has a **beautiful hall** which anyone from the community may rent for private events. The hall can seat up to 89 people.

Karen FitzGibbons, Director
Diane Behnke, Kitchen Manager