

# 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

As the summer comes to an end and the children go back to school, it's time to start thinking about fall. I hope all of you had time to relax with your family this summer and enjoyed all that our area has to offer. Looking back over this busy summer, I can't help but think about all the great things that happened this summer in the village. I want to thank everyone who made all these events possible.

Enclosed you will see our **Fayetteville Festival** flyer. This event will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon till 8 p.m. with a fireworks display at dusk. The event's goal is to raise awareness about all the non profit groups in our community and all that they offer the residents. This event showcases all that makes Fayetteville so special. Please look at the enclosed flyer and mark it on your calendar. Come by and see why this has become such a wonderful event each and every year in the Village of Fayetteville.

Our Village Beatification Committee did an outstanding job on the flower pots throughout the village. I want to thank the committee members for all their contributions to this spectacular project. I have asked them to come up with new ideas to make our village look even nicer next year. My hope is that we can continue to make the village look better and better every year, while maintaining a stable budget.

The DPW has started construction of a new park at Duguid Reservoir and we're optimistic it will be ready for all residents to enjoy soon. The first phase of this park is the front section that is being done this year. Over the next few years, we will be putting plans together to utilize the whole park.

## ....News from the Mayor

In addition, we have signed the lease agreement for the DOT park in the lower village and all that remains is a public hearing that the State Canal Corporation will be holding in October at the Village Hall. After this requirement, we will be able to get our engineering firm started and with good luck begin construction in the spring, transforming this beautiful piece of land into a park for all residents to enjoy. This project has been delayed several times by many state agencies, but we are now in the final stages and I'm confident that we will get this important project off the ground and completed soon. We are fortunate to have many parks in our village. If you are interested in getting involved with our Parks Committee, please email or call my office.

Speaking of the state, we have been notified that our pension costs will be increasing over 18%-28% next year and that our CHIPS funding will be reduced or eliminated. These burdens add additional stress to our financial situation at each and every level of village government, but we will continue to watch our spending and find ways to curb our expenses to ensure that we control our costs and keep the tax rate as low as possible.

We have closed the books on last year's finances and I am pleased to say we finished the fiscal year with spending below budget, and our sales tax revenue came in better than expected. We also have controlled our finances over the past several years and have kept our pay-as-you-go approach. All these financial practices have put the village in a very sound fiscal position. Even though we are in difficult economic times, I am confident we can continue to provide the quality services that our residents want, while maintaining a stable tax rate.

Our village will further evolve with proper planning. I recently spoke to the Chamber of Commerce about all the business activity happening in the village. While many of the projects will add to the quality of life for all residents, we must also balance the needs of our business community with the needs of our residents. Many projects, such as the Walgreens project, the Express Mart, the Francey Building, and Ledyard Falls, are all coming along nicely, while others (O'Brien & Gear, Nice-N-Easy, as well as Jay's Chevrolet) are in the planning stages. Along with the Chamber and our business community, we will work to make sure we have the goods and services our residents desire, while maintaining the quality of life our residents deserve and want.

Again, if you would like to get involved in the village in any way, please email or call the village hall. Have a great fall and, as always, thank you for reading the newsletter.

*Mark A. Olson*

# TRUSTEE KINSELLA

“That smile you give as you greet people will be carried by them all day.”

It is a pleasure to work with the Recreation Committee (Jan Rybinski, Director), the Senior Center (Karen Fitzgibbons, Director), and the D.P.W. (Jim Crow, Superintendent). The programs and activities both the Rec and the Senior Center provide are enjoyed by all, while the DPW does an outstanding job taking care of the village residents.

Both the Rec and the Senior Center Committees are always interested in new ideas for programs that they can provide. Many people in our community travel throughout the country, and many come upon novel ideas that these organizations would like to hear about.



## **RECREATION 637-4715**

We certainly thank Jan, her summer staff (counselors & directors), and the crossing guards for their work during the summer programs. At the Fayetteville Festival, the Rec Committee again will be active with games for all and the sale of glow sticks and candy. Remember to check out the arts and crafts project- a decorated Adirondack chair- that was done during the summer playground, which is on display in the Fayetteville Library's children's section. Open gym at Wellwood begins Friday 9/11 from 7 – 9 pm.



## **SENIOR CENTER 637-9025** [www.FaySrCtr.org](http://www.FaySrCtr.org)

Just a few of the activities and programs at the center are listed here. Many people think this organization is exclusively for seniors. There are many happenings (dinners, guest speakers, performance trips, etc.) that are open to all. Please call or go to the website.

Some Important Dates:

- 9/25 Friday @ 12N – JOANIE MAHONEY is speaking. Lunch is Pasta Primavera, garlic bread and dessert. Cost: \$4.50. R.S.V.P. by Wednesday 9/23.
- FLU SHOTS Tues., Sept. 29 and Oct. 20 from 1 - 3pm @ the center.
- LASAGNA DINNER and musical review “Letting It All Hang Out” on Sunday, Oct. 25 1 pm. Cost: \$10. R.S.V.P. by 10/22.
- UPDATE ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.  
Presented by Bob O’Connor and Peter Sarver.
- AARP 55 ALIVE CLASS 2-day Class (Tues/Wed) 10 am – 2:30 pm on Sept. 22-23, Oct. 13-14, and Dec. 1-2. Cost: \$12 pp AARP member; \$14 pp for non-members. R.S.V.P.
- TURNING STONE P.G.A. TOURNAMENT TICKETS: Sept. 28 – Oct. 4  
If you are going to the PGA Event and need tickets, they can be purchased from the Senior Center, and all the money will come back to the center! \*\*Must be purchased no later than Sept. 18\*\*

Coming November 13<sup>th</sup> : the Annual Wine & Cheese Reception @ the Center!

**Dept. of Public Works 637-6065 Hours 7am – 3:30pm**

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](http://www.OCRRA.org).

**PLEASE NOTE AND KEEP THIS D.P.W. SECTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:**

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

**VETERAN'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: PICKUP WILL BE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.**

**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.**

Leaf pickup will begin any day now. 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 DO NOT PLACE LEAVES ON OR NEAR STORM BASINS.

- Brush and leaf pickup will be on a continuous basis. Brush and leaves are transformed into the free mulch that has become so popular with many village residents. The DPW does not pick up grass clippings. We request your patience since this is a very busy season for our DPW employees.
- Another reminder is that there is no parking on village streets from November 1 to April 1 between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

If you reach the answering machine, please leave a clear message and return number so your call can be returned.

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

# Annual FAYETTEVILLE FESTIVAL

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FINEST OF FAYETTEVILLE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
12 PM – 8 PM



Food, Live music & Entertainment ALL DAY!!

Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ

Fay. Chamber- Ocean Wonders Scavenger Hunt

F-M Food Pantry Canned Food Drive

1 PM Blessing of the Animals [Bring Your Pets!]



1—3 PM Arborist and Tree Tales



Fay. Free Library- Popcorn, Book Sale & Carnival Games

Fay. Senior Center - Old Fashioned Cake Walk,

Skippy's Ice cream truck, Bouncy Houses, Face Painting

I.C. School-  CAR Raffle

Fay. Recreation - Old Fashioned Games & more!



Fire/EMS and Police Displays & Demonstrations

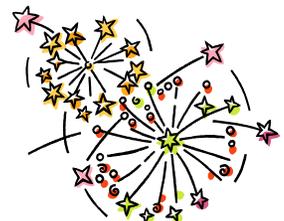
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**And so much more!!**

**Fun for the  
whole family!**

**FIREWORKS FINALE AT DUSK**



## VILLAGE OF FAYETTEVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Last summer, Mayor Olson appointed us as members of this committee to look at possible ways to enhance the beauty of the village. Our group took a trip to Canastota and saw their beautiful flower pots and made a proposal to Mayor Olson and the Village Trustees that they consider buying and planting similar pots in Fayetteville. The proposal was accepted. The committee chose the pots, chose the plantings, and the village contracted with Debrucque Greenhouses to plant and maintain the pots. The committee then toured the village, choosing appropriate places for the pots to be placed. The village bore the entire cost of this project.

The response to the pots from residents as well as travelers through the village has been overwhelming. The village obtained 30 pots. It is the intent of this committee for next year to approach the merchants, professional women and men, as well as residents of the village, to obtain funding for the purchase of 30 more pots. These pots will be placed in strategic spots from the lower village to Beard Park and also to the Post Office. Please see below an opportunity for you, the residents as well as merchants, to donate to The Beautification Project. In advance of your support, we thank you.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:  
KAREN HARRIS (Chairperson), KAREN LITTLER,  
BETSY LONG, MARIANA MANAGAN, BARBARA WAGNER,  
VILLAGE TRUSTEE MIKE SMALL

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Levels of Giving: (please check one)

Bronze - \$0 - \$25  
 Gold - \$100 - \$249

Silver - \$26 - \$99  
 Platinum – Over \$250

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution made in memory of (If applicable):  
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All donations will be listed in the Eagle Bulletin, Village Newsletter and Neighbors East. If you choose to make your donation as a memorial, please make note of this in the area provided above.

Checks should be payable to the Village of Fayetteville (please put *Beautification Committee* on the memo line) and sent to 425 E. Genesee Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066.

# TRUSTEE SMALL

Once again, summer has flown through our village quickly! Despite the rainy weather the village had 30 beautiful, brightly-colored locations, thanks to the efforts of our Village Beautification Committee! The pots of flowers along Genesee Street brightened everyone's day and a big thanks to all who have expressed their pleasure in seeing them. The committee has been meeting to discuss additional sites for next year along with other projects.



*Please check out their flyer  
on following page!  
The Beautification Comm.  
needs your help.*

The Tree Commission will be finalizing the selection of locations and species of trees that they will oversee the planting of this fall. Their efforts earned the village recognition by the Fayetteville Chapter of the DAR at our Arbor Day celebration and added another year designating our village as a Tree City USA. Throughout the summer they have met weekly to trim and prune our street trees.

The replacement of the 1950s portion of the Fire Department is under way. The department is preparing for their move to the former Jay's Chevrolet building in early December, where they will be housed during the project. Demolition of the existing structure will be in late winter/early spring, followed by construction. The project is scheduled to be completed in April 2011. We are preparing to hire a construction manager for the project and all efforts are being made to keep this project on schedule. October is Fire Prevention month and members of the department will be going to our schools to promote fire safety. Now is also a good time to make sure all is in order at home: have your furnace checked, clean your chimney, and check any other items not used since last winter. There will be an **Open House at the Fire Department on Friday, October 9th.**



All of these groups will be represented at the upcoming Fayetteville First Festival. It is a great opportunity for everyone in the village to attend and find out how you might volunteer for one or more of the many organizations participating. Have a great fall, enjoy the beauty of our village and surrounding countryside.

# TRUSTEE COLEMAN

As the fall comes upon us and the trees become multicolored, watch for the changes in four buildings along the west entrance to the village. The village is very fortunate that four different new owners of these properties are investing tremendous time, money and effort to reclaim these historic structures.

The building formerly known as the Fortino Building in Limestone Plaza has been undergoing a major overhaul for the past several months. This building was in serious disrepair and very close to being lost. A new tenant has been signed and I am sure many village residents will be pleased with them coming to town.

Two private residences, 114 E. Genesee Street and 303 E. Genesee Street, are being completely renovated. It is exciting to see these buildings that have been in such desperate need of repair returned to their former glory.

The Matilda Joslyn Gage home is in stage two of its renovation. Over the next several months, the "woodshed" reception center and the rest of the exterior house renovation will be done. The MJG Foundation undertook a Herculean effort to raise the necessary funds to complete this project. A dedicated group of people worked very hard to accomplish this task in an amazingly short time, considering the difficult economic climate.

As we watch these buildings being restored, maybe we should take the time to look at our own property and see what can be done to improve it. A little time and effort makes a big difference. Whether you are the owner or tenant of the property, you are the resident. Take pride in where you live and in your village.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the flower pots. I was personally amazed and delighted with them. The Village Beautification Committee made an excellent choice with the nursery they recommended to the village board.

Enjoy the fall. Fayetteville is a great place to be, no matter what the season.

## **VILLAGE CONTACT LIST**



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 the village clerk at [lcorsette@fayettevilleny.gov](mailto:lcorsette@fayettevilleny.gov).

# TRUSTEE RANDALL

## SWINE FLU, SCHOOL BUSES, AND HOME SAFETY

### REMINDER: \*\*SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION\*\*



Fall is just around the corner and with it comes shorter days and the start of the school year. Unfortunately, this busy time of year can also be a dangerous one. Road travel increases and traffic patterns shift. Many children rely on walking, riding a bicycle, or catching a bus (either a school bus or a public transportation bus) to travel to and from school. Fewer daylight hours can make it harder for motorists to see these young pedestrians. Please be aware of crosswalks and follow the law regarding school buses.

#### The Law States:

- Drivers must stop when the school bus red lights are flashing.
- Even on divided, multi-lane highways or school grounds, drivers must stop for flashing red lights.
- Penalties for illegally passing a school bus range from \$250—\$1000 fines; points on your license; and/or possible imprisonment.

### Home Safety

Are you doing all you can to keep your home safe from burglars? The Hartford Financial Services Group offers these tips to help stop unwanted visitors from entering your home.

- **Develop good security habits.** Roughly one-third of all burglaries occur through unlocked doors and windows. You should establish a routine to follow before you leave home, such as making certain that all doors and windows are locked and alarm systems are turned on. In addition, don't hide house keys in obvious places, such as under doormats or on top of the doorframe.
- **Make sure exterior doors are strong.** The doors to your home should be made of metal or solid hardwood and be at least one inch thick. It is also important that your door frames are constructed equally well and that doors fit in their frames securely. A weak door or door frame renders a good lock useless. Add an extra lock for sliding glass doors to prevent them from being forced open or lifted off of their tracks.
- **Deadbolt locks offer the best protection.** The cylinder (where the key is inserted) should be "pick resistant." Some deadbolts are locked with a key from the outside and a thumb turn on the inside. Others, known as double-cylinder locks, require keys on both the outside and the inside. If you install a double-cylinder lock, keep the key within reach of the door in case family members need to leave quickly due to a fire.
- **Lock your windows.** You should lock your windows with key locks or other de-

vices. It is also possible for you to pin the sashes of a double-hung window together by using a removable bolt.

- **Consider a burglar alarm.** Security systems vary in cost, but often the price can be at least partially offset by discounts in your homeowner's premiums. So before purchasing an alarm system, check with your insurance company to see which alarm systems will get you a discount.
- **Keep your home well lit.** When you go out for the evening, leave a few lights on in the house, and leave the outside lights on, too. Place outdoor motion-activated floodlights high out of reach so they can't be easily tampered with. Before going away overnight, put lights and a radio on automatic timers.
- **Vacation time means extra precautions.** You don't want to signal your absence with a pile of newspapers on your stoop and an overflowing mailbox. Temporarily stop your newspaper and have the post office hold your mail until you return. In the spring and summer, have someone mow your lawn, while in the winter, have someone shovel snow from your driveway. If possible, you should ask a trusted friend or neighbor to stop by and check on your home while you're away.



## **Swine Flu (and seasonal flu too)**

We are entering flu season. Please continue to monitor the CDC and local health websites for important information on seasonal and H1N1 flu developments including vaccine info. These resources are valuable and the information is changing weekly. Post the attached hand washing info. on your refrigerator or a commonly viewed place.

### **Clean Hands Save Lives!**



- It is best to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- When water is not available, use alcohol-based products (sanitizers).
- Wash hands before preparing or eating food and after going to the bathroom.
- Keeping your hands clean helps you avoid getting sick.