

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

This is a great time of year in Fayetteville. Spring has finally arrived and hats off to Mother Nature for making the village look so great with all the trees blooming, while the residents are doing their part with spring clean-up and landscaping. Thank you to all the residents for making Fayetteville look so great, not only in the spring but year round. I want to thank the DPW staff for their hard work this past winter; the crew at our DPW worked tirelessly over these past few months keeping the streets clear and keeping the village open during all types of snow storms. Great job, DPW- keep it up!

This is the time of year we vote on our upcoming year's budget. I am pleased to announce for the second consecutive year that we held the tax rate at \$6.70 per thousand. There are no cuts to any programs in the village and all reserves and equipment needs are fully funded. Our department heads stepped up, receiving only 1% increases and our employees received 3% increases. We also were able to do this by cutting spending by 5% on all non-payroll accounts and by reducing the salaries of the judge and myself, as well as the trustees. All the elected officials in the village agreed that we do what we do because we love the village, and not for the money. I want to personally thank all of them for their sacrifice to our village. As I have said in the past, the village is financially sound, but next year's revenue projections, as well as the unstable economy, will play a major part in how we continue to hold taxes down while maintaining the quality of life we all enjoy.

We have several major projects that we plan to accomplish this year. The DOT property in the lower village is closer than ever to becoming a reality. We have received the final lease agreement and the Board of Trustees has approved the agreement in principle; we are just working out the final version with NYS Parks. We are interviewing several engineering firms and have advised all of them that we would like to get shovels in the ground this year! The citizens' task force has done much work on this project and will be meeting shortly with an engineer.

Another project, for which we received a grant of \$650,000, The Safe Routes to School grant, will add sidewalks in four key areas of the village. We are working with the State DOT engineers and planners to get this project rolling. The areas will be: Route 5 all the way to Briarbrook; Brooklea Drive to Rt. 257, to Townhouse

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Circle; the north side of Sheffield Lane to I.C. Church ; and the north side of Salt Springs up to Redfield. These projects will connect every part of the village to our sidewalk system. This project will have to take place all at once, and will have to be done according to the grant guidelines. It will truly be a safe, “walkable” community for all to enjoy when it is completed.

The next project is our Signal Hill sewer repair project that will eliminate two pumping stations in the development and gravity-feed it to the existing system. This project has been planned for several years, but due to the cost of the project had been put off until now. We have several people helping us explore the stimulus monies, as well as grants. This project is already engineered and shovel-ready, and it will save taxpayers over \$25,000 a year when the project is complete and paid for. We are trying to eliminate repetitive maintenance expenses in our village that cost the tax payers money. An example of this was a sewer repair behind village hall that now saves the tax payers over \$15,000 a year and our street lighting conversion that has saved us over \$60,000 in the past three years. These, and many other projects, are helping to reduce and keep our taxes as low as possible.

The Fire Department is continuing to progress in their expansion and renovations of the firehouse. I encourage all of you to attend the workshops and forums that they are hosting at the firehouse. I know I speak for all the trustees, as well as myself, when I say we want to hear your thoughts on this project and we want every resident to have a choice on whether or not you agree with this renovation. A timeline has been established on all aspects of the renovation and will be reviewed at forums. In the end, a referendum vote will take place on whether the project moves forward or not. The Fayetteville Fire Department does a great job for all of us and I want to thank them for their dedication to serving those residents in their hour of need. Please get informed on this very important project.

The Village of Fayetteville was awarded our ninth “Tree City USA” award on April 28th from the State DEC. Our Tree Commission and its many volunteers deserve all the thanks and appreciation for everything that they do, everyday, for the trees in our community. Everyone who drives or walks through our village sees the hard work and dedication of all these great people. We also received a Mayor’s Commendation from the City of Fulton last month for loaning them our garbage truck while theirs was trapped in their collapsed DPW garage after a major snow storm last year, and we received an award from the Syracuse Chargers for our support of the 10k classic held every year in the Village of Fayetteville. Due to our commitment to our residents and the hard work of our employees and dedicated volunteers, it was a privilege to accept these awards on their behalf. If you want to help us, please call or email me and we will get you involved.

As you can see, there is much going on in the Village of Fayetteville and, while it’s an exciting time, it can also be very hectic with this many projects happening all at once. We will continue to inform you on what is happening in our village, but I encourage you to attend our meetings and visit our website for more information. If you haven’t already done so, please sign up to receive email notifications from our village clerk. We have already signed up over 25 residents who receive email on several different topics. Thank you for reading this newsletter and, again thank you, for allowing me to serve as your mayor of this great village.

Mayor Mark A. Olson

TRUSTEE COLEMAN

As I write this article on 4/27, we are way too close to 90 degrees. On the other hand by the time I get to deliver the newsletter this weekend, it could be snowing. You have got to love the temperature swings in upstate New York. Around here, Mother Nature has a wild sense of humor.

I have been re-assigned as liaison to the Codes Department. For the past year, I was the liaison to the Fayetteville Fire Department.. This assignment gave me the opportunity to learn more about the internal workings of the FFD. We are very fortunate to have the dedicated volunteers and career staff working for us. Being a member of the needs assessment committee for the renovation of the fire station gave me a better understanding of the absolute needs, not wants, of a 21st century fire department. Please become involved with this important issue before us. Take every opportunity to become more informed.

Recently, the village board passed a six month moratorium on special use permits being granted in the R3 district. The Historic district is part of the R3 district. A property in the Historic district was recently purchased and the new owner wanted to operate two businesses from that location without living there. One of the businesses was a commercial A use, the other an accessory use (professional service). The past decisions by the planning board were that businesses in a residential area needed to be owner-occupied. While reviewing this application, it became apparent that the code needed to be more specific and detailed so that the code will be interpreted the way it was intended. Home based occupation, or professional services are allowed in residential are but the business owner must live there. The reason behind this law is to keep residential areas primarily residential. It would be unfair to anyone who bought a property in what was believed to be a residential neighborhood than have businesses opening up next door.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact me through the village hall. Remember, I work for you.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Property owners and/or tenants are reminded that “any growth, grass, weeds or other uncultivated vegetation in excess of six inches . . . shall constitute a health menace to neighboring property owners or members of the public” according to Chapter 92 of the Village’s Code. Under this Code, the Village retains the power to remove this growth, grass, weeds or other uncultivated vegetation, if the property owner and/or tenant fail to comply with the Village’s Code.

Property owners and/or tenants are reminded that any construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition requires a Building Permit. Please do not begin the Work without having a Building Permit displayed in your front window facing the street of your address. If you should have any questions, please call the Village’s Code Officer for more information.

TRUSTEE KINSELLA

As liaison, it is a privilege to work with Jan, the Recreation Director, Karen, the Senior Center Director, Sue at the DPW, and our staff at the Village Hall, Lorie, Lisa, and Karen. There might have been occasions when you as a resident had contact with one or more of these people, and I hope that you found them to be as helpful and pleasant as I do. Thank you to all of them for their outstanding service to the Village of Fayetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE RECREATION COMMITTEE

637-4715 Director: Jan Rybinski



Summer is fast approaching, and registration for all programs has begun. The initial Village Resident registration period runs April 27 - May 9th. Register early to save your spot! If you miss these dates, please feel free to send in your forms as soon as possible—first come, first served.

Playground Session 1 (K-4th).....	June 29—July 10th	9 to noon @Fay-El school
Playground Session 2 (K-4th).....	July 13—July 24th	“
Playground Session 3 (K-4th).....	July 27—August 7th	“

Extended Day Summer Playground—1st Week of each session (Mon-Thurs. 12n-130p)

Babysitting Course.....	July 8 & 9th.....	9:30 am—1:30 pm @Vllg Hall
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Relentless Girls Lacrosse Camp...	July 23—25th.....	9 am—1 pm @F.M. HS
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Drama Program.....	July 6—17th (Grades 5/6)....	9 am—12n @Wellwood
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	July 27—Aug. 7 (Gr.7/8/9)..	9 am—12n
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Registration forms can be downloaded from the village website

(www.fayettevilleny.gov and click “Files and Forms”), picked up at the Recreation Office @425 E.Genese St, or at the Fayetteville Library.

NOTE: Lacrosse & Hockey require a specific registration brochure that is available at the Rec Office.

Please contact 637-4715 for more information. See you at summer programming!

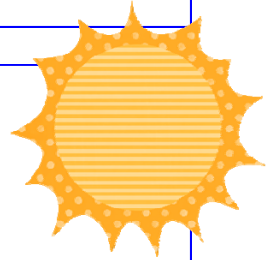
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

25th -MEMORIAL DAY PARADE , 9AM
(also, Village Office closed)

JUNE

20th—Referendum Vote (tentative date)
25th—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!



JULY

3rd – July Fourth-Village Office CLOSED
15th– Movie Night, Beard Park @ dusk
16th—JAZZ FEST, Beard Park 630 - 9pm
18th—SYRACUSE SYMPHONY, 7 PM

AUGUST

12th– Movie Night,
Beard Park @dusk



SEPTEMBER

7th—Labor Day-Village Office CLOSED
8th—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
26th—FAYETTEVILLE FESTIVAL

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 lorsette@fayettevillen.gov.



Special Events planned at the Senior Center this Summer

*All programs at the Senior Center are open to the Public!
For reservations or for a membership form call 637-9025
Karen Fitzgibbons, Director*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR GRANDMA’S ATTIC AND BAKE SALE, MAY 29 AND 30. DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. NO BOOKS, CLOTHES OR ELECTRONICS PLEASE.

- Labyrinth Walk and Picnic dinner. Wed. June 17 at 6pm we will have a picnic dinner (\$6) followed by a Labyrinth Walk orchestrated by Fr. Bill Redfield. No Reservations are needed unless attending dinner.
- Elegant Meet & Greet 5 course dinner. July 1, 6pm. Reserve by June 26.
- Robert Goode, collector of Military memorabilia, will bring a display of “Home Front” memorabilia to the Center on Friday June 12. Stop by to view it between 12:30 and 2:00.
- AARP 55 Alive driving classes will be offered 10a-230p May 12 & 13 and June 23 & 24; also 6-10 pm evening July 22 & 23 and Aug. 18 & 20. Cost \$14.
- Joe Julian from SU’s Maxwell School will speak at the Center July 15th after dinner. Joe’s talk is entitled “American’s 11 Trillion\$ National Debt; can we really get away with this?” Dinner TBD, call for information.
- The Stan Colella All-Star band will perform at the Center on July 31 at 1:30pm. Weather permitting, we will be outside under the tent.



Senior Center Trips for 2009

Non-members may attend for an additional cost.

- **Niagara Falls** on June 9 includes dinner at Top of the Falls Restaurant. \$110.
- **Albany Historical Tour** dinner at “Grandma’s”, July 8, \$97.
- **Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania** includes 2 Wright homes, a river float, and a professional production of “The Pajama Game”. July 27-30; \$684 double, \$764 single. Final payment due June 15.
- **Luncheon Cruise on the Erie Canal**, August 19, \$59.
- **Cooperstown**, lunch at the Otesaga. September 17, \$68.
- **Ithaca Ornithology Lab**, Lunch at Taughannock Falls Inn. Oct. 15, \$73.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Fayetteville Senior Center’s Annual Appeal. Your generosity enables the Center to provide daily home cooked meals and activities for seniors in our community. Your support is especially needed at this time.

Fayetteville Senior Center 2009 Annual Appeal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of: \$ _____

I am interested in joining ____; volunteering ____ at the Fayetteville Senior Center

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
JIM CRAW, SUPERINTENDENT
PATRICK MASSETT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
637-6065

The Department of Public Works provides many services to the residents of the Village of Fayetteville.



Recently it has come to our attention that homeowners are not aware that the DPW is on call 24/7 for sewer problems. If a call to the DPW is received outside of regular working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.), the answering service will notify the proper person. The DPW has responded to 37 calls during the past 10 months.

Congratulations to village residents who have placed approximately 500 tons of recycling in their blue bins since June 1, 2008! Everyone is encouraged to keep up the good work. If you have questions regarding what can be recycled, call the Onondaga County Resource Recovery hotline at 453-2870 or visit their website at www.OCRRA.org. Blue bins are available at the DPW garage, 5572 North Manlius Street—the building with the yellow snowplow in the front—or call the office for delivery.

The village parks are currently being cleaned up for the spring and summer seasons, which includes installation of the fountains in Beard Park and picnic tables in all parks. General maintenance is done daily. The DPW will be placing **“NO SMOKING” signs in the parks** in accordance with a resolution passed by the Village Board of Trustees at its October 8, 2008 meeting, sponsored by the Onondaga County Health Department.

The village was beautiful during the holiday season thanks to DPW employees who installed new LED lights on the trees and the snowflakes lining the Route 5 bridge.



The DPW works along with the Tree Commission inspecting village trees to determine which ones need to be trimmed or replaced. Please realize, however, the DPW does not employ a certified arborist, but does a great job maintaining our street trees to the best of their abilities. During the past few years, DPW employees have planted several hundred new trees. If you are interested in having a tree planted in your area, please call Patricia Tobin, Tree Commission Chairperson, at 637-8640.

Snowplow damage is being repaired with topsoil and grass seed, where needed. Street sweeping is also underway and since the DPW uses salt brine during the winter months, there is much less debris on the streets.

Brush and yard waste pickup will be ongoing during the summer. It is ground into mulch, which is brought to the DPW for free pickup by village residents. Please remember that the village does not pick up grass clippings. Check with the DPW for pickup days for construction materials or hard fill.

The Department of Public works assembled bleachers and a new batting cage at the Little League field.

The village has received many compliments for all the prompt responses and services provided by our Department of Public Works and for the friendliness of its employees.

TRUSTEE SMALL

Spring has arrived and the flowers and trees are really showing off after a long cold winter! The Beautification Committee, established last Fall, is looking forward to the fruition of their first project. At their recommendation, the Village has purchased and contracted for 30 flower pots to brighten our Community. They will be placed along E. Genesee St. from Limestone Plaza to Veterans Park. They will be similar to those you may have seen in other communities, such as Canastota. It is the first of many areas they will be looking at within the Village to improve the beauty and visibility of our Village. Anyone with ideas should contact the Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

The Tree Commission members partnered with the Fayetteville Free Library on April 29th to celebrate Arbor Day. Fayetteville received its recognition for the ninth year as an Arbor Day Foundation "Tree City USA" with the presentation of a flag which will fly from the flag pole in Limestone Plaza. The Tree Commission members have begun their work of pruning our Street Trees. If you see a street tree you think needs pruning or attention please contact one of the members before you take action. Spring is a time for yard clean-up and mulching. It is very important when mulching around trees not to bank the mulch up the side of the tree. While maintaining your grass, keep the weed eater away from the bark of the trees; the health, development and well-being of the tree is at stake! Parking on grass near a tree should also be avoided; compacting the earth around the roots is not healthy for the tree.

To address the current and future needs of the Fire Department, they have been working with Huber-Brewer and other professionals on developing plans to rebuild the existing 1950's portion of the Fire Department. Through the history of the Fire Department, changes have been made to the current location to accommodate their needs. When the Village Hall was originally built in the late 1930's, the Fire Department was located on the West side of the building where the current Board Room is located. In the 1950's it relocated to its current location on the East side of the building. And in the 1980's an addition was added to North of the 1950's building. A public meeting was held on April 30th to discuss and explain where the needs are for the future and to hear concerns and questions of the community. There will be other public information meetings over the next several weeks. I would encourage everyone to attend as many of these meetings as they are able to learn what the proposals are and why they are needed. Before action is taken everyone in the Village will be asked to participate in a public referendum to vote upon the recommended changes.

Spring is a beautiful season in our Village and, as residents and merchants, we work hard to maintain and preserve the beauty we enjoy. **We strive to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe. However, this Spring we see graffiti painted on some of our buildings and signs, and other forms of vandalism, which is tarnishing the beauty. The Fire Department has also been called to respond to open burning which is prohibited in the Village. As we work hard to keep our own properties maintained, we need to be watchful of what is happening around us in the community.** If you see something suspicious don't hesitate to call the police and have them check it out. Our village beauty comes from the efforts of all village residents working together.



I hope you enjoy the rest of Spring and Summer and that you will take advantage of all the opportunities offered throughout the Village and neighboring communities!

TRUSTEE RANDALL

SWINE FLU AND YOU.

The outbreak of disease in people caused by a new influenza virus of swine origin continues to grow in the United States and internationally. Today, CDC reports additional confirmed human infections, hospitalizations and the nation's first fatality from this outbreak. The more recent illnesses and the reported death suggest that a pattern of more severe illness associated with this virus may be emerging in the U.S. Most people will not have immunity to this new virus and, as it continues to spread, more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths are expected in the coming days and weeks.

CDC has implemented its [emergency response](#). The agency's goals are to reduce transmission and illness severity, and provide information to help health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by the new virus. On April 27th 2009, CDC issued new [interim guidance](#) for clinicians on how to care for children and pregnant women who may be infected with this virus. Young children and pregnant women are two groups of people who are at high risk of serious complications from seasonal influenza. In addition, CDC's Division of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) continues to send antiviral drugs, personal protective equipment, and respiratory protection devices to all 50 states and U.S. territories to help them respond to the outbreak. The swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is susceptible to the prescription [antiviral drugs](#) oseltamivir and zanamivir. This is a rapidly evolving situation and CDC will provide updated guidance and new information as it becomes available.

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Links to non-federal organizations are provided solely as a service to our users. These links do not constitute an endorsement of these organizations or their programs by CDC or the federal government, and none should be inferred. CDC is not responsible for the content of the individual organization Web pages found at these links.

Village government is already taking steps to protect our staff and implementing pre-planned actions to ensure continuity of government.

Pay attention to www.cdc.gov and the Village website for additional information as it develops.

