

# 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**

As we come upon another holiday season let me wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving. The Village of Fayetteville has been extremely busy working on several projects that will have an immediate effect on your daily lives and a long lasting effect in Fayetteville.

On the first of October I imposed a spending freeze on all village departments effective until January 2009. All appropriations over \$1000 must be approved by the board of trustees on items other than those needed to provide the essential services. We need to be careful during these turbulent times. New York State's finances are very troubling and while we do not get a large amount of state aid, other programs such as highway improvement money and grants received each year are going to be affected. We need to make sure that we budget properly and reserve as much of our revenues as possible to make up for any shortfalls the state government may impose on the village during the next budget year. As we progress into next years budget I will keep you informed. My goal, as always, will be to maintain the quality of life projects that keep Fayetteville the best place to live and raise a family while maintaining a stable tax rate we all can afford.

We have received our draft audit report from the auditors and I am pleased to announce that we have received a favorable report on our finances and funds. There are several recommendations that we will implement over the next few months to strengthen our safe guards. The initial report will be presented to the board of trustees at our first meeting in December. I would like to thank former Village Clerk, Marty Lynch, for upholding the trust of all elected officials and residents with the village finances as well as newly appointed Village Clerk Lorie Corsette for all her hard work and new initiatives.

The comprehensive plan has been finalized and I would like to thank Trustee Small, committee members and Paul Fritz of EDR for their countless hours of work and dedication. This plan will guide the village for the next twenty years. The public hearing for the comprehensive plan is scheduled for our next board meeting on November 24th beginning at 7:30pm. I hope you will be able to attend.

## NEWS FROM MAYOR OLSON

The fire chiefs and mayors of the villages of Fayetteville and Manlius have been working on a plan to form a joint fire district. We have been meeting weekly over the past four months, and have drafted a Memo of Understanding on the frame work on the dynamics of how the fire district will be formed and operated. The Fire/EMS service is one of the most important services the village provides and I want to continue this vital service, but with that said, it has become very hard to equalize the time, resources and financial burden that it is putting on both villages. Fayetteville has always provided the resources that Fire/EMS service need to provide the best possible service for our residents, but it is becoming more of a burden not only on our taxpayers but all residents within the protection district. I will have much more information over the next few weeks about this potential merger, but let me be clear on one point, all decisions to merge will be made by you, the taxpayers in each municipality effected by this merger. There will be a referendum. The committee's main goal, from day one, was first and foremost to provide the best possible service to all residents in their time of need, but like many other merger there has to be financial benefits as well as operation efficiencies that will benefit all. I will keep you informed as this process develops, and as always please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. This is one of the most important project this village has embarked upon since the consolidation of the village police departments in 1985.

As I write this article I am watching the leaves falling in my front yard and can't help but think of the long winter months ahead and my thoughts turn to our dedicated DPW staff that will have to deal with all the harsh elements that Mother Nature has in store for us. My personal thanks to the DPW for their continued dedication to serve the public and to all village employees and volunteers, you are the back bone of our society and the single biggest reason Fayetteville is one of the best places to live in America.

Thank you again, for the honor of serving you as Mayor of this great village we call home. I hope to see you all over the holiday season. Have a safe and happy New Year.

*Mark A. Olson*

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH PICK UP ON PAGE 7**

# Trustee Kinsella



Many of our residents are concerned about the speed and disregard of stop signs by drivers on the village streets. It is important for all of us to remember to drive slowly and obey the signs for the protection and safety of our residents. If you notice a problem regarding these issues, notify a board member and/or the police.

While I am on the subject of traffic, various people have said that they were impressed by the courtesy of other drivers when entering busy roads. Now, if we could only get all to obey pedestrian crosswalks areas.

A new problem that the village residents will be confronted with is door-to-door solicitors. In the past, it has been the village's policy to limit solicitation and if it was allowed, to establish hours for this door to door activity to take place. Now, we are informed that we can no longer do this. It is very upsetting that organizations and businesses are allowed to solicit based upon federal laws. I hope that you as residents are very cautious when opening your door to strangers. If you do open your door, please ask them for identification and about their permission to solicit from the village. In any case you probably should not open up after sunset.

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jan Rybinski, Coordinator  
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The Recreation Committee has a new president, Rich Adler. A huge thank-you to our outgoing president, Karen Shepardson, now the VP, for her leadership during the past years. She was an outstanding, tireless leader during her tenure. Other committee members are Carol Sherwood, secretary, Molly Loh, treasurer, Annette Danaher, Fran Lathrop, Michele Middleton, Craig Plew, Lisa Plew, Hilary Usiatynski, and Brad Williams. Thank you to all of these people spending many hours working on the programs that are provided to our residents.

The committee takes the lead role in our upcoming **Tree Lighting Celebration**. Also, along with the Village of Manlius Recreation, they sponsor the Annual Ski & Skate Sale which will take place on Saturday, December 6th, 9am to 12noon at the Manlius Village Centre. We hope you can join us for this event either to buy or to sell ski, skate and snowboard equipment. For more information about this event, call the Recreation office.

## SENIOR CENTER

Karen FitzGibbons, Director  
Janet Best, Program Assistant  
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The lighting of the **Memory Tree** will take place on **November 28th** at the Village's Annual Celebration **6pm-8pm**.

Lights are donated in memory of those loved ones who have passed away. When contributions are received, bulbs will be lit in their memory. The names of the donors and those remembered will be published in the Eagle Bulletin. Your donations are tax deductible and contribute toward the quality programs at our Senior Center.

The Senior Center is open to all our residents with meals served daily at noon. Come in for a visit and/or a meal and explore the many activities that take place each day.

An order form for the Memory Tree can be found on the back page of this newsletter along with a listing of scheduled events at the center.



# Trustee Small

Fall began with a great start at the Fayetteville First Festival at Beard Park in September. I enjoyed working with all the various organizations and individuals that made the day fun and successful and look forward to next year's event.

The DPW has been diligently working on picking up leaves and preparing for winter. They will continue to use the environmentally friendly salt brine on our roads, now also adopted and used by other municipalities. Our trees at Veterans Park, Limestone Plaza and the Memory Tree will be illuminated with Led lights this year. They are environmentally friendly and there will be a substantial savings of electricity use.

The Tree Commission selected trees for their fall planting, they arrived November 5th and our DPW has them planted! The Tree Commission selects the sites for planting based on species and the size of the tree when fully mature. Each year the Commission tries to fulfill as many requests for trees as possible, along with selecting municipal sites. A resident should not plant a street tree without prior consultation with the Tree Commission. The Commission works hard year-round in trimming and maintaining the street trees we enjoy in our Village.

There will be a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on Monday, November 24th at 7:00pm. This Plan will serve as a guide for development and re-development in our Village. This guide will also be of value for other important aspects of Village life, such as walk ability, traffic, and character/historic preservation. The committee that worked on this project has given much of their time to ensure the preservation of the Village character and yet providing for the economic growth of business. This Comprehensive Plan will also be an important component of future grant application requests by the Village.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes to all for the holidays, especially at Thanksgiving. As I reflect on the things I am thankful for, I include the individuals that serve on our Boards, our dedicated employees and volunteers, and all of you, the residents that make this the great community we all treasure!

Trustee Mike Small

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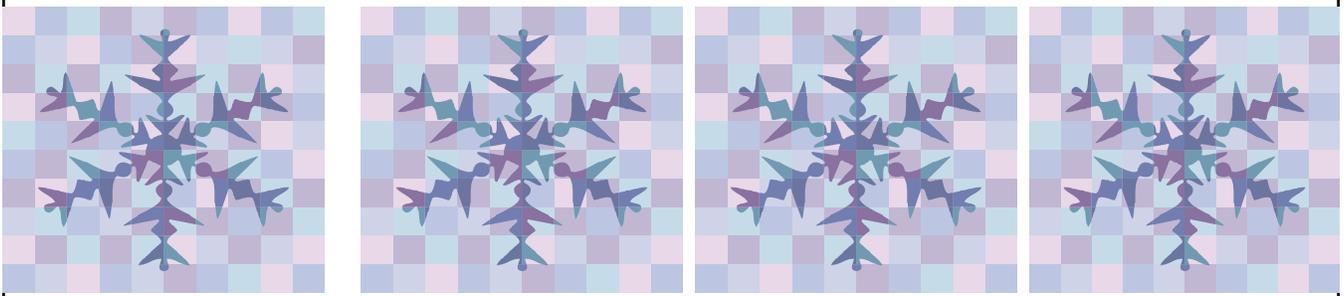
# Trustee Coleman

It is the time of year when we need to prepare our homes for the long winter months. First of all, remember to change batteries in your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms do save lives, protect yourself and your families with their use. Also with the high cost of energy, more people are turning to alternate energy sources such as; wood burning stoves.

Please make sure your chimney is cleaned and inspected regularly. You may have heard or read that the villages of Manlius and Fayetteville fire departments are working on an agreement to join forces. The talks are preliminary and as more details are made known you will be informed. The responsibilities and call volumes have grown dramatically over the past several years. The fire departments of both villages are well aware of the fact that as call volume goes up so does the cost. The main focus of the talks is how to maintain the level of fire protection service that we now enjoy while keeping the cost down. We all know that we are facing tough economic times. By exploring a variety of ways of cutting costs, we will weather difficult economic times like our parents and grandparents.

On November 28th the Village of Fayetteville will be holding our annual tree lighting ceremony. If you are a new resident of the village or the area, please be sure to come and join your neighbors in a festive start to the holiday season. As a regular attendee, I would not want to miss the good eats, music and horse drawn wagon rides.

Happy "all" the Holidays. You can never have too many holidays where people join together for peace and goodwill.



# Trustee Randall

Your village board is made up of four trustees and the mayor. Together, with the input of our staff, we make many decisions that affect your tax rate, your quality of life and even your public safety. Many times we agree on issues and their resolve. Other times we do not. Almost always, however, this board specifically takes great strides to bring the facts to the table and view them objectively and without prejudice. Whether we agree with the ultimate outcome of the issue, we stand behind our collective judgment. In the past few years I have come to the realization that this board truly has the village residents' well being at mind and at heart.

Please take some time to contact either myself or any member of the board with your thoughts or concerns. I have had, and continue to have an "open door" policy to all residents of the Village. It is you, after all, that we serve. We have some very important issues facing us in the upcoming months and your input is extremely valuable.

I wish you the warmest and happiest holiday season.

## **Fayetteville Community Blood Drive**

Fayetteville Free Library  
300 Orchard Street - Community Room

**Tuesday, December 9th**

**1:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

Please call 637-6374 to schedule your  
appointment to donate!

*"The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Please give."*

# Important Information

## Department of Public Works Holiday Schedule

**THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS FALL ON NORMAL TRASH AND RECYCLING DAYS AND HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED:**

**THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27:  
PICKUP WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING,  
WOULD BE THE NORMAL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS PICKUP  
DATE. THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25:  
PICKUP WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, WOULD  
BE THE NORMAL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS PICKUP DATE.  
THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.**



Listed are just a few of the events scheduled at the Senior Center beginning at 12:30pm:

12/4 - Financial Freedom presented by a representative from Ameriprise Financial Services

12/5 - America's Global role in the 21st Century presented by SU Professor Joe Julian

12/11 - Diabetes Education Session presented by Candi Possinger, Certified Diabetes Educator

Reservations are required for the following:

12/2 - 9am to 12pm AED/CPR Training

12/9 & 12/10

AARP 55 Alive

Cost \$10.00

Membership is not required to participate in these activities.



## Memory Tree Order Form

Checks may be returned to the Fayetteville Senior Center, 584 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville, NY 13066, or to the Fayetteville Village Office, weekdays before 3:00 pm. Please print legibly. Add an extra sheet if necessary.

I would like to donate **\$50.00** or more and dedicate a memorial to \_\_\_\_\_  
As an Archangel on The Memory Tree. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate **\$25.00** or more and dedicate a memorial to \_\_\_\_\_  
as a Seraphim on the Memory Tree. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate **\$15.00** or more and dedicate a memorial to \_\_\_\_\_  
As an Angel on The Memory Tree. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to dedicate a "Forget-Me-Not" blue light on The Memory Tree for: **(\$5.00 each)**

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

**Please Make Check Payable to the Fayetteville Senior Center - Total Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_