

# Village of Fayetteville

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Monday

of each month at

Village Hall 7:30 p.m.

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR OLSON

I hope everyone is enjoying spring in Fayetteville!

I am pleased to announce that the tax rate for the 2008/09 budget will be **decreasing** from \$6.75 per thousand to \$6.70 per thousand while maintaining the quality of services and programs all of us have come to expect. Other highlights are: the addition of a crossing guard for the Redfield Avenue & Salt Springs Street intersection starting in the Fall of 2008; an increase on spending for all cultural events such as the Syracuse Symphony, Fayetteville Festival, Jazz Festival and many other existing programs.

Our reserves this year are fully funded. We started a new reserve for the DOT property and have put aside \$35,000 to help fund our share of this great project. Our code enforcement budget went up slightly because we now have our own Code Enforcement Officer vs. contracting with the town. Fuel costs increased from \$65,000 to almost \$110,000, our health insurance went up \$13,000, and our road pavement account increased by \$35,000. However, the clerk treasurer department went down \$20,000, our legal expenses decreased \$5,000, and snow removal is down \$15,000. These are just a few examples of how we have been able to decrease our tax rate while continuing to provide great services, and I hope this is the beginning of our ability to find new ways to save taxpayer money. The Board understands the burden that taxes put on all of us and we are working to do everything we can to try to ease that burden. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have on the budget. There will also be a copy of the plan on our web site.

We will be bidding out the Route 257 sidewalk project in April and construction will begin in the summer. The DPW is busy planning our pavement projects and road resurfacing for the summer (please see the DPW part of this newsletter). We are in the process of hiring an auditor for the Clerk Treasurer's Office, now that Lorie Corsette has taken over for long time clerk Marty Lynch. We are having this audit done to make sure that all village finances are in order. Also, we are in the process of looking at our insurance costs for liability and all of our village assets. These projects will ensure the village tax payers that we are spending every tax dollar appropriately and making the best use out of all these dollars. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be presenting the draft proposal to the village board this spring. There will be plenty of chances for public comment on this very important project that will help shape our village for years to come, so please plan on coming and giving us your input. You will also read in the newsletter about a sidewalk grant for which we have applied.

As you continue to read this newsletter, you will see what other great opportunities Fayetteville has to offer. We are always looking for people to get involved, so if you are interested in serving on any committee or just want to help, please call or e-mail my office and we will put you in touch with the right people to get you started. As always, thank you for the honor of serving as your mayor and I look forward to the next four years of serving this great village we all call home.

CLERK'S OFFICE  
LORIE C. CORSETTE  
637-9864

Let me first start out by thanking all of the residents who were able to get out to cast their vote during the March 18, 2008, village election. It was my pleasure to meet those of you who had a moment to stop by the Clerk's Office on your way through. Also, a special thanks to the Election Inspectors: Alice Crow, Joyce Carter, Vicky Jayne, Rick Pickert and Machine Custodian, Dr. Luton Reed. Your services were invaluable and I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with during my first Village of Fayetteville election. GREAT JOB!!

Please remember that village taxes will be mailed out in May and are payable to the Village of Fayetteville, Tax Collector. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, or need to inquire as to your eligibility for an exemption, you may contact the Town of Manlius Assessor's Office at 637-9854.

The Village of Fayetteville recently adopted a Cold War Veterans Exemption. This exemption includes persons, male or female, who served on active duty for a period of more than three hundred and sixty five days in the United States Armed Forces during the time period from September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991.

The Village Clerk and Deputy Clerks are available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

*Lorie C. Corsette*



**FROM THE DESK OF  
COUNTY  
LEGISLATOR  
KEVIN HOLMQUIST**



Onondaga County Legislature update:

Greetings from the Onondaga County Legislature! We have had a very busy year in 2007 and we are already one full quarter into a very exciting year in 2008! Our accomplishments in 2007 include the 911 Onondaga County interoperable communications system that will allow all of our police, fire, EMS and first responders to be able to talk on one frequency during all emergencies. The current system has become outdated, and this new system meets the needs of the public safety community for decades to come. I was very proud to be able to help support this new system as the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee in the County Legislature. As a member of the Social Services Committee, I supported our new pilot program to combat Medicaid fraud. We now have state of the art software to help identify Medicaid fraud from both providers and end users. The program has been extremely successful and we have already seen changed behavior on behalf of people who have been cheating the system. We expect continued success going forward.

Onondaga County's finances are in great shape. We have the highest bond rating of any county in all of upstate New York, and one of the highest bond ratings in the entire United States of America. Our tax rate is the lowest we've had in 27 years. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I will work very hard to continue this record of financial excellence and discipline in the coming year. Finally, I am very excited to be able to work with the Village of Fayetteville on many issues that both the village and the county face. I will continue to work hard to make sure that the county has an excellent relationship with the village of Fayetteville.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**SUPERINTENDENT JIM CRAW**  
**637-6065**



A special thank you to everyone who brought us wonderful treats during the holiday season. They were appreciated by all of us.

Winter sidewalk and plow damage, along with other street repairs, will be completed as the weather permits. Street maintenance will begin as soon as blacktop is available.



Brush pickup will continue, depending on the weather. Yard waste may be put in cans (not plastic bags) or simply placed near the edge of the road. Since the DPW turns the waste into mulch we ask that you not put plastic or other items in with your yard waste .

Free mulch is available for village residents on the right side of the driveway entrance to the DPW garage.

**The village does not pick up grass clippings.**



The Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 26, will not affect our regular trash and recycling schedule.

If you need a blue bin for recycling, you can either call the DPW at 637-6065 or stop by the garage, 5572 North Manlius Street, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



**Thank you for your cooperation as we look forward to spring.**

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**SIDEWALK GRANT**

The Village of Fayetteville is applying for a "Safe Routes to School" grant through the New York State Department of Transportation. This is a sidewalk pedestrian grant program to encourage children to walk to school using safe routes. The safety of our children while walking to school is a high priority for the Village of Fayetteville. Efforts to educate students, parents and community residents will be addressed in future newsletter publications, so please look for these very important articles.

We are fortunate that these sidewalks are located in the village and can be added to make the whole village inter-connected and they are all within two miles of a school, which is part of the grant requirement. The Village of Fayetteville presently has over 17 miles of existing sidewalks and these additional areas will not only help our children get to school safely, but they will also enhance our existing infrastructure. There are five areas for which we are applying:

Route 5 from Southfield to Briar Brook; Brooklea Drive at Center Street to Route 257N; Sheffield Lane; Salt Springs Street from the Orchard to Redfield; and Route 257N from Penwood Lane to Barker Lane. These sidewalks are part of an important connectivity to all aspects of village life. With these new sidewalks, we not only connect village residents and their children to the schools, but we also gain access to parks, the library, senior center and all village shops and services.

This exciting grant could make the village a true walking community.

# FAYETTEVILLE SENIOR CENTER

## KAREN FITZGIBBONS - 637-9025



Everyone is invited to the Fayetteville Senior Center for an Open House on Wednesday, May 21st from 6-7 pm. Refreshments will be served and information on trips, activities, speakers and our lunch program will be available.

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

On **April 30 at 6:00 pm** the Center will be open for a **roast beef dinner followed by a performance of "Letting it all Hang Out" by the OTS Singers**, a musical about the trials and joys of the members of a senior apartment building. Cost is \$10 and is open to the public.



The Center will continue to be open on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer from 6 to 9 pm. We hope to attract many new members who would like to have a place to gather in the evening. Come and play "Wii", bring your poker buddies, book group or scrapbooking. Help us succeed by completing the survey below and let us know what you'd like to see offered.



Some fun **trips** are scheduled for our members this year and non members may attend at an additional cost.

- **Frank Lloyd Wright** and more in Buffalo on June 9, includes dinner at the Pearl Street Grill. \$97.
- **Mystic, Connecticut / Newport, Rhode Island**, and more including the USS Nautilus and the US Coast Guard Academy, Sept. 16-19, 2008. \$609. double.
- **Kingston, Fort Henry** and more. Includes a Thousand Island Cruise. August 7. \$76.
- **Letchworth State Park**, lunch at the Glen Iris Inn. Wednesday, October 15, 2008. \$62.



Mark your calendars for **Grandma's Attic and Bake Sale, May 16 and 17**. Donations are now being accepted. No books, clothes or electronics please.



**Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Fayetteville Senior Center's Annual Appeal.** The appeal continues through the end of the month. Your generosity has made a significant impact on the lives of many.

### Program Survey

The Center is planning to stay open on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 9 pm. beginning in May.

1. What special programs/activities/entertainment would you like to see offered?
2. Do you have a group which would like to utilize the Center at that time?

Thank you for your input. You may call us with your feedback at 637-9025 or send your ideas to the Fayetteville Senior Center, 584 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville, NY 13066

# FAYETTEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

SUE CONSIDINE, DIRECTOR  
637-6374

## *Spring into some fun at the Library!*

Join us for fun and programs for everyone this month at the Fayetteville Free Library. Our Thursday computer classes are held at 10:30am. Computer Basics will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and provides an introduction to PC components and hardware as well as file management. Email Basics, April 10<sup>th</sup>, will demonstrate the writing/composing, reading and sending of email messages. Internet Basics on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, provides a brief history of Internet and World Wide Web. Please register by calling the library.



Café Francais on Friday, April 11 at 10am is an opportunity to meet and engage in French conversation, enjoy café cookies and listen to French music on the first Friday of the month.

Our monthly Family Story time on Saturday, April 12 at 11am is filled with live music, stories, finger play and songs geared for children ages 2 to 6. Siblings welcome!

Sunday Musicales featuring *September Serenade* will be Sunday, April 27 at 2pm. This vocal duo with piano accompaniment is part of the 2007-2008 Motto Musical Series.

Check out our news blog at <http://fflnews.blogspot.com>. The Fayetteville Free Library is located at 300 Orchard Street, Fayetteville, and can be reached at 637-6374 or online at [www.fayettevillefreelibrary.org](http://www.fayettevillefreelibrary.org) Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5, and Sunday 1-5pm. Summer hours differ.

## *Live Homework Help at the Fayetteville Free Library*



The Fayetteville Free Library is pleased to announce a new after-school service for students in 4th—12th grades and students taking college introductory level courses—Live Homework Help™. Live Homework Help is an exciting online tutoring service that provides students with expert tutors from across the country. Students connect to tutors for one-to-one homework help sessions in an online classroom. The tutors are certified teachers, university professors, graduate school students, students at accredited colleges and professionals who are experts in their field.

Tutors are trained to work with students to help them arrive at the solution—not just to give answers. They clarify student questions and assist them in understanding the topic. Tutors also encourage students to demonstrate problem solving techniques learned in the classroom and reinforce these techniques. Sessions are geared to last 20-minutes, but time varies depending on the question/topic.

The service is available Sunday—Thursday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 2 p.m.—7 p.m. Students who come to the library can access the service by clicking on the icon on the library's web page. To access the service remotely, students need to have a library card linked to the Fayetteville Free Library's database.

On Thursday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. there will be a demonstration of "Live Homework Help" in the community room at the library. No registration is required for this event. The library is located at 300 Orchard St. Please call the library at 637-6374 (press 2) or visit the web site ([www.fayettevillefreelibrary.org](http://www.fayettevillefreelibrary.org)) for more information.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**637-4715**

Jan Rybinski — Director  
Karen Shepardson — President



Important program note! Our Annual Bike and Blade Sale will be Saturday, April 26th at the Fayetteville Firehouse! It's the perfect place to sell your used bikes, or maybe purchase one for yourself to enjoy during the summer months. 8:00am - 9:45am (Seller item drop off) 10:00am - 12noon (Sale)

**See you there!!**



Final preparations for all 2008 summer programs offered by the Fayetteville Recreation Committee are complete! Brochures have arrived at our elementary schools and are available at the Recreation Office (425 East Genesee Street) or the Fayetteville Library. For those who need a registration form, this can be downloaded from the village website

([www.fayettevilleny.gov](http://www.fayettevilleny.gov)). Look for it under "Files and Forms". Village of Fayetteville residents are given preference in all programs, and should mail in their registrations form April 28—May 10th. If our Rising Star Girls Lacrosse Camp or Field Hockey Camp is something that interests you, please remember to pick up your special brochure at the Recreation Office after April 28th. They require a different registration form than the one listed above.



We would like to draw your attention to location changes for two of our most popular summer programs. The FM School District has scheduled renovations at both Fayetteville Elementary and Wellwood this year, which directly affects our summer playground and drama programs. For 2008 only, playground moves to Mott Road and our drama program will find a home at the Eagle Hill Auditorium. We are pleased to make these adjustments, because in doing so, we insure that two programs that have been around "forever" (one has enjoyed a 40+ year history) will continue!



Check out some of our program listings and join in the fun! New this year...you will find all our programs listed in the Town of Manlius Summer Brochure which arrives in homes April 14th. Contact us at 637-4715 for more information.

**FAYETTEVILLE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF PAUL HILDRETH**



Spring is here! Please be aware of all ordinances regarding fire pits and outdoor burning:

Please note that all property owners and residents are required to comply with the Fire Code of New York State and the Code of the Village of Fayetteville with respect to cooking devices that are fueled by charcoal, LP-gas or other similar fuels.

- **Portable cooking equipment, employing gasoline as a fuel, is prohibited.** (Code of the Village of Fayetteville, Chapter 99 Housing Standards, Article III Minimum Standards, §99-21 Fire safety)
- **Charcoal burners or other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustibles balconies or within 10 feet of combustible (wood) construction, except for one and two family dwellings. Propane tanks can not be stored inside of buildings. They are highly combustible, and should be stored outside, but not in direct sunlight.** (Fire Code of New York State, Chapter 3 General Precautions Against Fire, Section 308 Open Flames, ¶308.7 Open-flame cooking devices.)
- **LP-gas burners shall not be operated on combustibles balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.** (Fire Code of New York State, Chapter 3 General Precautions Against Fire, Section 308 Open Flames, ¶308.7.1 Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fuel cooking devices)

**Burning in a “fire pit” or kindling of any other fire is considered open-burning and is prohibited in the Village of Fayetteville. Recreational fires are allowed if their fuel area is 3 feet or less in diameter, and 2 feet or less in height.** (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Part 215 Open Fires, ¶215.2 Prohibitions)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** If you or anyone you know is interested, you can go to our webpage at [www.fayettevillefd.org](http://www.fayettevillefd.org), or send an e-mail to [recruitment@fayettevillefd.com](mailto:recruitment@fayettevillefd.com).

**PLEASE...WE NEED YOUR HELP**



**DEPARTMENT OF CODES  
ENFORCEMENT  
RICHARD J. GREENE  
637-9864 EXT. 130  
RGREENE@FAYETTEVILLE.NY.GOV**

If you need a building permit, a special use permit, want to subdivide your land, or change the zone of your property, we can help you. Application forms and instructions for all these activities are available at the Village Hall. The Code Enforcement Office's staff will review your application for completeness and code compliance. We will issue a building permit or schedule your project for a meeting with the Village's Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals, as required. If you have any questions or need assistance with the process, stop at the Village Hall or call us at 637-9864.

Building permits are required for most construction projects including: fireplace inserts; extension of any gas, electric, or other mechanical system; electricity generators; structural changes including roof sheathing, larger windows or doors; and sheds greater than 100 square feet. Sheds and other structures requiring a building permit must be located on your property according to current zoning setbacks. Sheds of 100 square feet or less must be located at least 5 feet from your property line and 6 feet from other combustible construction for fire safety.

There are no regulations for fences in the village, except that a 4 foot high fence is required around all swimming pools. It is recommended that fences be placed 6 inches inside your property line, and they should not block the flow of water or drainage swales.

Any swimming pool that can hold 24 inches of water requires a building permit from the Village of Fayetteville. This includes inflatable or other portable pools. In accordance with the New York State Building Code, such pools also require a 4 foot high fence, and a swimming pool alarm. If a pool has a re-circulating pump, the installation also requires an Electrical Permit. Pools are considered structures, and as such, must meet the setback requirements in the zoning district in which they will be installed. Permit application forms and detailed information on all of these items can be obtained at the Village Hall.

## NEW LIFE FOR AN OLD MAP

Barbara S. Rivette  
Fayetteville Village Historian

A large wall map of Onondaga County, as it was in 1860, is now hanging in the Fayetteville Village Hall. The map is especially unusual because it is one of the very few of these 1860 maps that has been professionally cleaned and restored.

Village officials decided a year ago to have the entire map made ready for display. The map was cleaned inch by inch to bring out as much as possible of the original. An entirely new backing has been attached, the large tears have been repaired and missing pieces were recreated and fitted into the original. As a final step, the map was encased in mylar and attached to new top and bottom poles with brass hangers.



This 1860 wall map is typical of its times. Onondaga County's version, created by Homer D.L. Sweet, shows all of the county with details of villages and hamlets around the edges.

At the top left of the map is a sketch of the home of Conrad Schoonmaker in Minoa which burned and was replaced by a new home that eventually became the Masonic Temple for many years. In the upper right is a sketch of "Scoville Place," a large home still standing on the east side of Route 92 near Oran.

The map of Fayetteville, as it was in 1860, also contains a list of prominent merchants and residents.

Other inserts show maps of Manlius Village, Manlius Center, Manlius Station (now Minoa), North Manlius, Hartsville (Now Mycenae), Jamesville and DeWitt as they were in 1860.

These maps have previously been available to researchers in libraries, but now visitors to the Fayetteville Village Hall can see how the county looked to their ancestors.

## FUN FACTS

Barbara S. Rivette  
Fayetteville Village Historian

**1927**—A State Police substation has been set up in Fayetteville with two motorcycle troopers on duty.

**1930**—A garbage and ash (from your coal furnace) collection system has been started by the village and no village home is more than a block away from a paved street, according to the village's Annual Report. Officials are considering installation of stop and go signs on Genesee St. The village's total budget for 1929-1930 was \$61,000.00.

**1932**—Teachers at the Fayetteville High School have voted to relinquish five percent of their salaries for the coming year to keep the tax rate down during this depression.

**1950**—Steady growth of the village was assured with the issuance of 11 building permits for Coakley Manor (Audubon, Byron, Euclid, Griffin and Valerie Roads), four in the Wellwood subdivision (Wellwood Dr. & Concord Pl.), two in Huntleigh Park (Oakwook & Redfield Dr.) and one on Collin Ave.

**1950**—Dial tone telephone service will be possible after the telephone company completes its new concrete block building on Chapel Street in June. When this is in place, local customers will be able to make toll-free calls to the Syracuse Metropolitan Area. The phone company has at last caught up to all the requests for phone service installation and there are no deferred requests for service now. Fayetteville had 500 telephones in 1941 and now has more than 1,300.