

Letter from Mayor Mark Olson

Dear Residents,

What a great time of year it is when the leaves are falling and there is a cool crisp breeze in the air. The fall season began with our 10th Annual Fayetteville Festival which was a great success. This all day event was started to help residents see how many great not-for-profit organizations are in our community. It is an event I look forward to each year.

Our DPW hosted an Open House in October to showcase the newly renovated garage and addition. Thank you to the DPW crew for pulling the event together and hosting what I hope will become another annual affair. I spoke with many residents at the Open House who were impressed with our new brine-making equipment and how technical the DPW has become. So many residents comment to me on a daily basis about how great our crew is at the DPW. I know that the crew appreciates the support and comments that they hear. The services they provide each day will be appreciated even more during the next few months of winter.

A friendly reminder on leaf pick-up: Mother Nature is in charge of how quickly the leaves fall. All hands are on deck at the DPW, working as much overtime as it takes (including some Saturdays) to accomplish this task. We have three leaf routes in the village; when we are done with the third route, we begin the routes again until all of the leaves have been collected.

We were able to resurface a number of streets this year. Our hope for next year is to resurface the remaining streets in the south side of the village as well as other selected streets that are in need. Ideally, the price of oil will remain low, as these lower oil prices allow us to pave more roads. Our goal is always to accomplish as much paving as possible within our budget. Thank you to everyone for your patience during the paving projects.

The village recently proposed a Deer Culling Local Law to help deal with problems associated with the deer in our village. I have received several emails and letters from residents on both sides of the issue and appreciate everyone's opinions and feelings on this

subject, I truly do. We have a great group of volunteer residents, along with the NYS DEC, State Parks, Cornell Co-Operative and ESF, helping to sort out the issues and provide input on the local law. This issue has not been easy to deal with but I can tell you that the Trustees and I take this proposed local law very seriously. The easiest thing we could have done would have been to do nothing, however, the reality is that we have a problem that we cannot continue to ignore. Please be patient, get the facts and let us know your thoughts and constructive ideas.

Thank you to all that serve on our village boards; on behalf of the Trustees and myself we appreciate all that you do for the quality of life in our village. A number of commercial projects have either been proposed or are in the construction phase. The boards involved in these projects (Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic Commission) are all volunteer boards made up of your fellow village residents. All projects are continually evaluated to ensure we maintain the tradition of keeping a balance of residential and commercial development that benefit all residents. Nothing will happen without a robust public discussion and a review of all the facts on both sides of the projects. We will continue to work on projects that add to our village's charm, character and most importantly residents' needs and wishes.

Our village is strong and vibrant and for that I am grateful to all of you and our dedicated employees, volunteers and elected officials that make this possible. It has been a year full of challenges, and although some have proven more difficult to work through, we as a village have become better, stronger, and most importantly closer as a community. We are fortunate that our village is growing in population, in new homes and in business. Growth comes with challenges. Our true character as a village is how we work through them. This is what makes me love the mayor's job more today than when I started twelve years ago.

As we begin the holiday season, I hope you are able to spend time with your friends and family.

Happy Holidays to All!

Mark Olson

Upcoming Events* – Village of Fayetteville

November and December 2015

Nov 26th & 27th - Holiday, Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

(Curbside Pick-up normally scheduled for Thursday & Friday will take place on Monday, 11/30)

Nov 27th - Village Tree Lighting Ceremony, Fayetteville Fire Department, event begins at 6:00PM

Nov 21–Dec 11th - Festival of Miniature Trees, Stickley Showroom @ Towne Center,

(Manlius Historical Society invites you to this annual event. Bidding is open through December 11)

Dec 21st - Winter Solstice Walk, Begins at Between Friends Child Care Center, 101 Wortley Way, follow the candlelit canal trail through the winter woods ending at Canal Landing Park,

Dec 25th - Holiday, Village Offices Closed for Christmas Day

(Curbside Pick-up normally scheduled for Friday, 12/25 will take place on Monday, 12/28)

Jan 1st - Holiday, Village Offices Closed for New Year's Day

*Visit www.fayettevillenyny.gov for details and additional events.

MEMORY TREE DONATION FORM

I would like to donate an Archangel for **\$50.00** or more on the Memory Tree and dedicate a memorial to: _____

_____ \$ _____

I would like to donate a Seraphim for **\$25.00** or more on the Memory Tree and dedicate a memorial to: _____

_____ \$ _____

I would like to donate an Angel for **\$15.00** or more on the Memory Tree and dedicate a memorial to: _____

_____ \$ _____

I would like to dedicate a forget-me-not blue light on The Memory Tree for: **(\$5.00 each)**

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: (payable to the Fayetteville Senior Center) \$ _____

Checks may be sent directly to the Fayetteville Senior Center, 584 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville, NY 13066, or to the Fayetteville Village Office, weekdays before 3:00PM.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please notify: _____ of my donation.

Address: _____

Use only one form for each notification. **Please Print legibly.**

Additional forms may be copied or requested by calling the Senior Center at 637-9025.

Thank You for your generosity. [FSC is not affiliated with the Fayetteville Memory Garden.]