



Village of Oakfield

Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2010

Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents:

I just heard a financial management expert warn that we all must begin to live *below* our means. As a result of this anemic economic environment and staggering national debt, the housing market is not expected to rebound any time soon, more people will *never* be able to afford their own home, and the economy may never rebound to the levels we enjoyed for the past 25 years. While this is a bit too pessimistic for me, I agree that at least for the foreseeable future, things are going to be out of the ordinary in our state and country and, we will have to think and do things differently to get through it.

With this in mind, the Village Board of Trustees always has your best interests - and pocketbook - in mind. We are always looking for ways to save money, cut costs and even look for ways to bring in revenue to the Village. The Village Board continues to work with the Town of Oakfield to save money and pass that savings on to you. We are now working with the Town of Alabama in their quest to provide clean and affordable water to their residents. If grant money can be acquired, Alabama will incrementally establish these districts and - as it stands now - purchase their water from us. This would be an unlimited source of revenue for the Village of Oakfield while providing clean and affordable water to our friends and neighbors. We must continue to pursue cooperative efforts such as these if we are to maintain any sovereignty over our budgets in this most heavily taxed state.

Friends, I truly believe that we are living in unique and historical times. I ask that you all pray daily for our country, our Village and our children. I am convinced that the Lord continues to bless our community because we continue to recognize him as our Creator, and attribute all the good that has happened to us as a result of His

grace. At each meeting we pray for the Lord's guidance and He continues to provide it. Please keep me and our Village in your prayers.

Water Tower Update

Hopefully most of you know by now that the Governor's Office of Small Cities has awarded the Village a \$600,000 grant towards our new water tower. The Village Board has been trying for approximately ten years to secure a grant to help pay for this project. This grant award is most timely since we would have had to proceed with this venture due to the dangerous conditions of our present tower. The projected cost of erecting this new tower is approximately 1.7 million dollars. This could however change as a result of our poor economy and the need for work. Yet the cost of steel climbs significantly which could offset any additional savings. Rest assured though, if more savings can be found, we will find it.

It is anticipated that construction of the new tower will begin this coming spring 2011. Assuming the geotechnological surveys are favorable, the location of the new tank will be just off Lewiston Road, past the high school and just before Albion Road.

Reed Beds

The reed beds have been installed and are fully operational. The Village was only responsible for 10% of this \$150,000 project cost. The remaining cost was paid for by the Environmental Facilities Grant that the Village was awarded. We are already realizing a cost savings and the Village will

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recoup its contribution to this project in less than six months. It previously cost the Village between \$30,000 - \$40,000 a year (with costs rising annually) to haul away the sludge. Now that the reed beds have been installed, any form of sludge hauling will occur every 7-10 years. I would like to thank the Town of Avon Department of Public Works for donating the reeds for our beds.

Terraces

This is not what you are thinking! I discovered that the property located between the road and sidewalk is called a terrace. I never knew that. I thought it was called a pain because I had to mow it! Regardless, the reason for bringing this up is to remind all homeowners that they are responsible for its upkeep. That means that if you park on it - which we discourage - it is the homeowners responsibility to make any repairs to it. No one may deface this area by laying down stones, blacktop, concrete etc... without the approval of the Village Board. This was not the purpose of these terraces and it is our goal in maintaining an appealing look of the Village for all of us. Just recently I received yet another compliment on the neat and charming appearance of our Village. This is a direct result of **YOUR** hard work and the pride you take in maintaining your home and community. Let us all continue to be thoughtful to each other.

Dog Control

Since all of the municipalities currently receive the services of Genesee County Animal Control, the Village has abolished our own animal control officer. Residents with any animal control complaints or concerns, need to call the Genesee County Animal Control officer or Genesee County Sherriff Department. They will respond to all our concerns.

In addition, the Village Board has decided to amend the dog control law specifically addressing the number of dogs allowed per individual/family. We want pet owners to license their pets without fear of any reprisal. This is most important. In turn however, we will be looking to put more "teeth" into the laws to address violators of nuisance pets. This is necessary to protect residents rights to live without the constant harassment of barking dogs. Again, we just need to be considerate of each other. You will be informed of the new laws as we go through this process.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! May God Bless you and may God Bless Oakfield.

Richard D. Pastecki
Mayor



Department of Public Works



Brush pickup will end in mid November. Leaf pickup will continue as long as possible (weather permitting). Please

rake leaves in a row to the road.

Snow will be coming soon. Residents are reminded to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice-Local Law #2 of 2004. You are reminded to keep the streets free from cars from No-

vember 1st through April 30th from 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There is no parking in the Village parking lots from 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. year round.

Please inform the Village office of any non-working streetlights.



Thank you,
Dave Laney,
Department of Public Works

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Village Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Village Taxes:

All unpaid **2010 TAX BILLS** have been returned to the County and will be relevelied on the 2011 Town and County tax bills.

Village Sign Board:

Any organization wishing to post an event in the Village signboard should call the office two weeks prior to the event.

Use of Village Facilities:

Any individual or organization interested in using the Village Board

Room, the Memorial Park, or the Gazebo at Triangle Park can request an application at the Village Office. The application will be reviewed at the following Board meeting. Board meetings take place on the second and fourth Monday of each month. During the months of July and August the Board meets only once a month on the second Monday.

Water and Sewer (Rates):

Water bills are due on the last day of the month in January, April, July and October. If you do not receive a water bill during that month, please call the Village Office (the penalty will not be waived). There is a drop

box behind the Village Building for your convenience in making payments after hours.

Permits/Licenses available at the Village Office:

- Garage Sale Permits
- Disabled Parking Permits
- Plumbing Permits
- Building Permits
- Zoning Permits
- Bike Licenses

Need Transportation to Batavia?

B-Line Bus—Picks up in Oakfield on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and returns at 1:45 p.m. Information is available at the Village Office or call 343-3079.

Fire Department

As the days begin to get shorter, and the nights longer, winter can be far behind so we remind you again to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. You may be thinking I sound like a broken record, but just this year a smoke detector save one house in Oakfield from burning



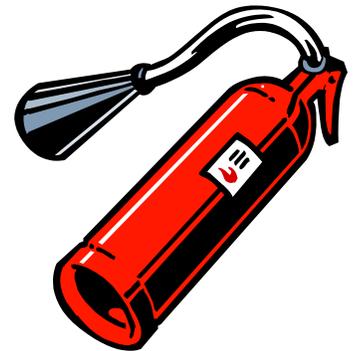
down when their dishwasher caught on fire. Coincidentally this year's Fire Prevention slogan is "Beep-Beep, Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with" was conveyed to the children of the Oakfield-Alabama elementary school during Fire Prevention week of

October 3rd to the 9th.

We took possession of our new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) including a self rescue system in October. The cost for the new equipment was \$80,450.00, most

of which was funded through a FEMA grant. This particular equipment is used by per-

sonnel to breathe clean air while entering fire conditions, and should they find themselves in quickly deteriorating conditions the fireman can "bail out" a window to the ground below. Fire personnel are training on use of the new SCBA and should be in service shortly.



The Fire Department is always looking for self motivated dedicated individuals to join the department. If you have ever heard the siren going off in the middle of the night and wonder what is going on, join today and you can make a difference by helping your neighbor in their time of need. We provide free training.

Historical Society

Please join us at the **Oakfield Historical Society Museum** on Saturday, December 4, 2010 from noon to 3:30 p.m. during *"Christmas in the Village"*. Stop and enjoy a piece of pie and get your free ticket for our Christmas raffle (additional tickets will be available for \$1.00 each). We will be raffling off one of our new black and white commemorative throws. This is a brand new color that we were able to order. We were also able to order more navy and cream throws. Those are available for \$42.50. They would make great Christmas gifts. We will have home-made ornaments for sale along with out wood-carved ornaments of the Union Free school (Webber Avenue School) and glass-etched ornaments of the gazebo.

The museum will be open on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. until December 4, when we will close for the winter. We will reopen in April. During that time we will be working on a diorama of the Indian woods and sorting and cataloging our artifacts. We hope you will find time to stop and see our wonderful displays of Oakfield history—including Indian artifacts, Oakfield Recreation Club, Dr. Stein memorabilia, along with information on the oldest

homes in Oakfield. We also have a research area. We are so grateful to all those (too numerous to mention) who donated their time and financial support that have made this museum possible. With your continued support we hope to keep this museum open for years to come.

The Oakfield Historical Society meets the 1st Tuesday of the month (expect January) at 7:00 p.m. at the Village office. New members are always welcome.

Please watch for details of our 1st annual Golf Tournament July 23, 2011 at Batavia Country Club.

Oakfield Historical Society Board of Directors:

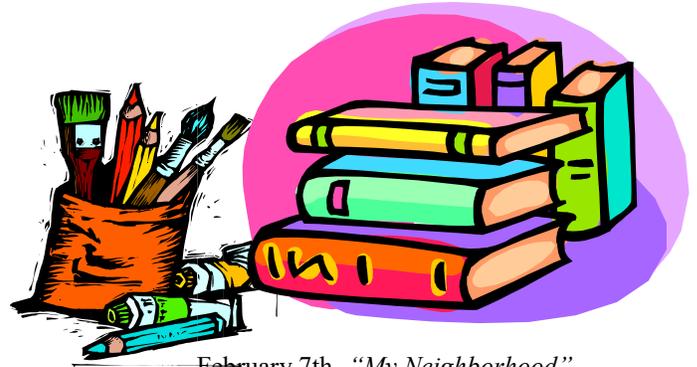
Laurie Nanni, Wally Kornow, Robin Houseman, Joyce Grazio-plene, Darlene Warner, Norm Rogers, Fran Matla, June Chamberlain, Dick Moon.



Haxton Memorial Library



Hours:
 Monday 10am - 12noon, 2pm - 5pm
 Tuesday 1pm - 5pm
 Wednesday 1pm - 5pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm,
 Thursday 1pm - 5pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm
 Friday 1pm - 5pm



Story Time/Craft Night Schedule

December Monday Morning Story Time

(3 years old 10:15-10:45 a.m.;
 4 years old 11:00-11:30 a.m.)
 December 6th- *"Lets Get Ready for Christmas"*
 December 13th- *"Santa"*
 December 20th- *"Christmas Party"*
 December 27th-No Story Time



December Thursday Craft Night

(6:45-7:30 p.m.)
 December 2nd- *"Christmas Cards"*
 December 9th- *"Paper Plate Angels"*
 December 16th- *"Visit from Santa"*
 Santa will visit at 7:00 p.m.
 December 23rd- *"Cookies for Santa"*
 December 30th—No Craft Night.

January Monday Morning Story Time (3 years old 10:15-10:45 a.m.;

4 years old 11:00-11:30 a.m.)
 January 3rd- *"What's There To Eat?"*
 January 10th- *"Let Go Shopping?"*
 January 17th- Closed for Holiday
 January 24th- *"Rhythm Time"*
 January 31st- *"Say It Again"*

January Thursday Craft Night

(6:45-7:30 p.m.)
 January 6th- *"Snowmen"*
 January 13th- *"Bird Feeders"*
 January 20th- *"Snow Covered Evergreens"*
 January 27th- *"Brown Bear Puppets"*



February Monday Morning Story Time

(3 years old 10:15-10:45 a.m.;

February 7th- *"My Neighborhood"*
 February 14th- *"Valentines Day"*
 February 21st- Closed for Holiday
 February 28th- *"One Red Square"*



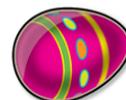
March Monday Morning Story Time

(3 years old 10:15-10:45 a.m.;



April Monday Morning Story Time

(3 years old 10:15-10:45 a.m.;



Senior Citizens Group



Greetings to all youngsters! If you are 62, or turning 62, how about joining our Smiling Dry Bones Senior Citizens Group. Instead of sitting around doing nothing come and have some fun. We meet at noon every second Wednesday of the month (unless there is change for some reason) for about

an hour or maybe two depending on our programs. You are not obligated to be at every meeting but it is a chance to talk over old times with persons in the group and renew friendships. We have a fee of \$2.00 per person which goes into our general fund. From that we buy things for special occasions such as cards, guest fees, special foods for the holidays and etc. Most of the time our luncheon is pot luck and believe me we have some delicious food. If you can't cook some people just put in extra to help with the next meal.

This year we will be funded by the Genesee Senior Foundations Inc., funded by the Rochester Area Community Foundation's Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging. This money can only be used for Recreation and Outreach programs.

Although we meet at the Methodist Church, this group is neither, religious or political. They have welcomes us to use the Community room with the provisions that we treat it respectfully. If you have any questions about the Smiling Dry Bones, please call 585-948-5041. If I am not home, please leave your name and number on the answering machine and I will get back to you. Hey, we hope to see you.

Jaunita Brooks

Smiling Dry Bones

Meet: 2nd Wednesday every month

Time: 12:00 PM (must be on time)

Oakfield United Methodist Church

Main & Webber, Oakfield, NY 14125

Food: Pot luck unless otherwise specified.

All publicity must give recognition to the Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc. and the Rochester Area Community Foundation's Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging.

Oakfield Betterment Committee

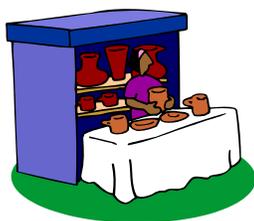


The Oakfield Betterment Committee is ALIVE and well!!! The Oakfield Community Celebration Committee and the Oakfield Betterment Committee joined together to ensure that a Labor Day celebration will remain in Oakfield.

As many of you saw from September's "Day in the Park" there will be some changes to the event, but as always this Committee plans to have entertainment, food, games and fun for the whole family. The success of September's event was overwhelming, and we plan to make the 2011 event a success as well.



*This merged Betterment Committee is fortunate to have the guidance of Donna Dwyer, Sally Bell and all members of the Betterment Committee to guide us in our endeavors. **Melissa Haacke** and **Kate Manges** plan to co-chair the event again this year.*



If anyone is interested in joining this committee, our meetings are open to everyone. Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakfield Town Hall, 3219 Drake Street, Oakfield, NY. Or you can contact us at celebration14125@yahoo.com.



The Village Board meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room. Residents are welcome to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda to discuss an issue with the Board, you must call the Village office by the Friday before the meeting.

Memorial Park



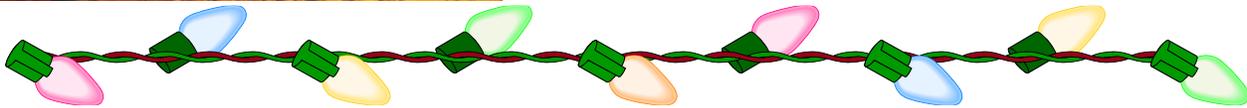
Along with our Memorial Wall Plaques, living memorials are now available at Memorial Park. You can purchase a memorial Rose of Sharon bush with a plaque for \$145.00. For more information call the Village office or see the website.

Please remember skateboards and bicycles are not allowed in the park. The park has been created for Village residents to enjoy quiet times of reflection and remembrance of loved ones while sitting on our memorial benches or strolling around the walking paths.

Christmas Lighting Contest



Judging for the Christmas Lighting Contest will be on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. The following categories will be judged: Gold Star, Silver Bell, Most Elegant, Most Lights, Most Colorful, Most Creative, Best Children's Theme, Best Religious Display, Best Winter/Santa Display, Most Patriotic, The Handyman Award. Be sure to have your lights on early in the evening.



The second annual "Turkey Trot" will be held on Thanksgiving Day morning, Nov. 25, 2010. Registration begins at the Caryville Inn on Main Street at 8:30 am with a 5K (3.1 mile) "trot" through the village beginning at 9am. The cost is \$15.00 per person with children under 10 participating for FREE.

The cost, which includes a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, covers your entry fee, t-shirt, water, snacks, and hot dog upon completion of the trot. Runners are welcome! This is an opportunity to get together with family and friends, "trot" for a great cause, and enjoy our beautiful village! Pre-registration may be done by sending your check and t-shirt size to: P.O. Box 192, Oakfield, NY 14125 c/o Caryville Inn.

We hope to see your toes on the starting line on a beautiful holiday morning!!



Did You Know?

A running faucet uses about a gallon of water per minute. In just 3 months, 1/16 inch diameter stream of running water at 60 psi = 74,000 gallons of wasted water. Leaks inside the toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Even a pinhole leak, such as in a washing machine hose, can waste up to 170 gallons a day!

Leaks = Water and Your Dollars Trickling Away

Read your water meter before and after a 2 hour period when no water is being used. If the meter doesn't read exactly the same, there is a leak.



Lion's Club Presents:

SANTA IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 4, 2010

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. at Triangle Park



Santa will arrive at 1:00 p.m. transported from his sleigh to the Park by the Oakfield Fire Department.

There will be Caroling by the O-A Student Council.

Pictures with Santa will be taken by the O-A Leadership class for a small fee.

Refreshments will be available.

Across the street at the **Methodist Church**, there will be story time, sleigh ride races (*weather permitting*), face painting, arts and crafts, Christmas movies, Letters to Santa and "Pin the Nose on Rudolph" for children up to age 12.

Be sure to visit our downtown businesses and check out their special Christmas deals.



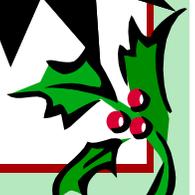
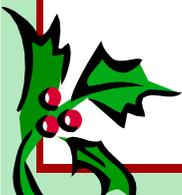
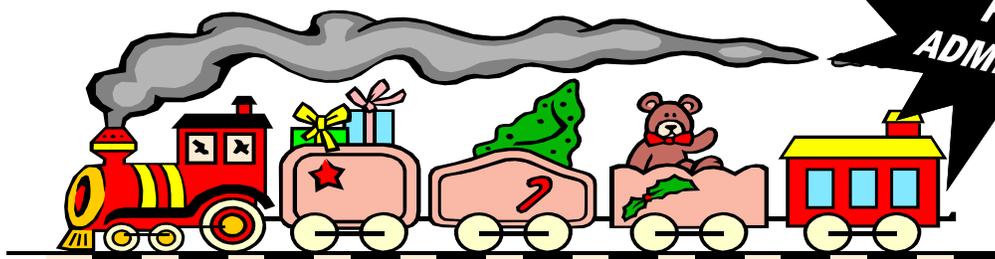
MODEL TRAIN CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at 50 Main St. (Upstairs of M&T Bank)

Operating Train Displays

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ADMISSION**





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