



Village of Oakfield Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2012

Message from the Mayor



Dear Residents:

It has been too long since our last newsletter. The Trustees and I however have been very busy with needed work around the Village. For such a small Village it sure keeps all of us hopping! Thank you for your understanding and pa-

tience. It is very important to me, to keep you all informed.

WATER TOWER/TRANSMISSION LINE

The installation of the new water main and work on South Pearl Street was completed in September. Most of this project was paid for by the \$600,000 grant we received through the Governor's Office of Small Cities. This new water main will be feeding existing Village and Town residents, as well as future water districts that the Town is busy creating. Additional water users is good news for everyone since it is the best way of keeping a handle on our water rates. We have also had several discussions with the Trustees of the Town of Alabama who also expressed interest in purchasing water from us. I am personally optimistic this can occur. This is related to the proposed STAMP project in the Town of Alabama. I believe some important milestones coming up in Alabama will give us a better picture of the reality of this venture. Stay tuned.

The Village has also recently purchased 1.3 acres of property just past the school. This is where we will be erecting our new water tank. As of this writing, different sizes and styles of water tanks have been put out to bidders and we will be opening these bids on November 9th. Realistically, this tower will most likely be completed and fully operational by the spring of 2014. As I have written in the past, the Village has been awarded a low inter-

est loan of 2.5% from the United States Department of Rural Development to finance much of this project. The immediate Village contribution will be \$92,000 which is required by Rural Development.

SHERIFF PATROLS

In August, we contracted with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department to provide additional patrols for the Village. This came about after many discussions with the Sheriff's office and Village residents. Burglaries, vandalism, and drug concerns seemed to be on the rise. Many people that I and some of the Trustees spoke with just didn't feel safe. Since purchasing extra patrol time in the Village, arrests have been made but most important, the presence of this officer seems to be providing a deterrent for criminal activity. This is what we hoped for. We will be having extra patrols until the end of this fiscal year (May 31, 2013). We will be evaluating the need to continue this service beyond that date during our budget workshops in January and February. I am very interested in knowing your opinions on this and welcome you to stop by the Village Office to let us know.

The Board of Trustees and I will continue to always work with your best interests in mind. It is a privilege to serve in this capacity and humbling to know you put your trust in us. Please keep all of us - and our Village - in your prayers. God has truly blessed us.

May God Bless you and May God Bless Oakfield

Richard D. Pastecki
Mayor

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Village Office Hours:

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

Village Taxes:

Last day to pay Village taxes is October 31, 2012. All unpaid **2012 TAX BILLS** will then be returned to the County and will be relevelied on the 2013 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
- Building Permits
- Zoning Permits

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.

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.

Department of Public Works



The last day for brush pickup will be November 13. Leaf pickup will continue as long as possible (weather permitting). Please rake leaves in a row to the road.

The DPW will be flushing hydrants the week of November 5. Residents may notice some discoloration in the water and low pressure.

Snow will be coming soon. Residents are reminded to keep their sidewalks free of snow and

brush ice-Local Law #2 of 2004. You are reminded to keep the streets free from cars from November 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

Fire Department



As the leaves begin to turn and fall to the ground we know that winter is not far behind. Soon it will be time to turn our clocks back one hour and we are reminded to change the battery in our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

When you are changing the batteries take a look at the manufacture date of the detector to see if it needs to be replaced. It's suggested that you change your smoke detectors after 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors after 5 years.



We just completed Fire Prevention Week at the elementary school. The kids had an opportunity to meet fire personnel and learn a little about fire prevention as well as getting to climb on the fire trucks. I often wondered what the average child retains from our fire presentations. I got my answer when I overheard my granddaughter telling my wife a week later about fire prevention day at school. Who knows, the children we are teaching today could be a future fireman or Emergency Medical Technician.

You know that when the siren goes off one of your neighbors is in trouble? Have you ever said to yourself I should join the Fire Department so I can help someone in need? Then make today the day. Stop by the Fire Department any Monday night, pick up an application and talk to our members to see what is required to join one of the greatest organizations in the world.

After 22 years of service the fire department is retiring its aging rescue truck. The new mini rescue is a 2012 Ford and is expected to be in service



by the end of October. The new rescue will be used to provide additional resources such as self contained breathing apparatus, hand tools, an additional set of Jaws of Life, rehab, traffic control, as well as bringing additional personnel to the fire scene. I would like to thank the truck committee and Village Board of Directors, who's diligent work made this purchase happen in a timely manner.



The fourth annual **"Turkey Trot"** will be held on Thanksgiving Day morning, Nov. 22, 2012. Registration begins at the Caryville Inn on Main Street at 8:00 am with a 5K (3.1 mile) "trot" through the Village beginning at 9am. The cost is \$15.00 per person with children under 5 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! Contact the Caryville Inn for details at 948-9780. We hope to see your toes on the starting line on a beautiful holiday morning!!



Historical Society

Well we have had a busy year! We have given over 30 private tours and we have also given several tours for the school. We participated in the Labor Daze parade and won 1st place.

Our name has changed. The museum will now be known as the Oakfield Historical Society Research Center. Thanks to a private donation we were able to set up a research center in our main room. There is a computer that will be loaded with all kinds of information, so if someone wants to do some research, they can come to the museum.

We will be participating in the Town of Oakfield, Halloween Party so stop and see us from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. on Saturday, October 27th.

Christmas is about 8 weeks away. With that in mind, we do have some items for sale that would make great Christmas gifts. We have our afghan that has historic and current buildings in Oakfield complete with a history on them available in navy and cream or black and cream for \$42.50.

We also have 3 books:

Main Street Albaze: \$15.00 - Fires starting in 1848 through 1985 that helped to shape Main Street into what it is today. Pictures, maps, and an insight into life in the early years.

Oakfield As We Knew It: \$12.00 - a book of memories about Oakfield written by the individuals that lived here. Take a trip down memory lane with them.

Oakfield's Lost Legacy - Early Enterprise in the Village of Cary NY: \$15.00 - This book is a look back at what Oakfield would have looked like and what it would be like to live in those times.

These are all available at the museum and also at Warner's Flower Shop.



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



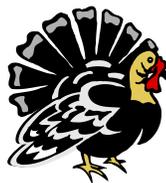
Craft / Movie / Game Night Schedule

Craft Night
Thursday, November 1st
(7:00-8:00 p.m.)
"Falling Leaf Mobiles"



November Movie Night
Thursday, November 8th
(7:00-8:00 p.m.)
"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"
Join us for a family night and eat some popcorn while viewing our movie on our 52" flat screen.

Library Closed on Thursday, November 22, 2012 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Thursday, November 15th
(7:00-8:00 p.m.)
We have a variety of games for families to come and play together.



Craft Night
Thursday, December 6th
(7:00-8:00 p.m.)
"Making 3D Christmas Trees"



December Movie Night
Thursday, December 13th
(7:00-8:00 p.m.)
"Polar Express"
Join us for a family night and eat some popcorn while viewing our movie on our



52" flat screen.

Game Night
Canceled for December.

*****SPECIAL NIGHT*****
Christmas Party for PreK—5th Grade
Thursday, December 20th
(7:00-8:00 p.m.)
Please join us for a night of fun: activities to include music, games.

We are taking a break from programs on Thursday, December 27th. Have a happy and safe holiday season.



Game Night

The month of November is "Kind Fine Month" If you owe a fine, the Library will waive it if you bring in a canned good item. (These items will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the month.)

Senior Citizens Group



Have you heard or do you know about *The Smiling Dry Bones*? It's a Senior Group that gathers once a month at the Oakfield United Methodist Church Community Room for lunch and a social gathering. If you are 62 or older why don't you visit us on a Wednesday afternoon and see what

goes on. ***Smiling Dry Bones!!!*** We are just a group of people from all walks of life who like to get together once a month and have a good time. You do not have to live in Oakfield we are open to all in Genesee County.

Smiling Dry Bones was started by David Phelps and Jaunita Brooks on August 29, 2010. It was just a dream but it has turned into much more. Starting out with 15 members we have 20 to 25 for a social gathering. We meet the second Wednesday of every month (unless it is called for a specific date) at 12 noon. Everyone prepares a dish for the table or sometimes one of our members prepares a special dish like spaghetti and meatballs and members bring a salad, bread or dessert. We also have a \$2.00 dues to help pay for rent and other expenses that we can't fund out of our Office for the Aging Fund.

Last year on Veteran's Day we sponsored the Genesee Chorale at the Oakfield United Methodist Church with a salute to all our veterans. This was not a church affair but they volunteered their time and service to help us out. The Chorale was very happy in making it possible to do it as a community service. We have been to Terry Hills for Christmas Buffet celebrations for two years and are going again this year. Last month we went on the Lockport Locks and Erie Cruise and it was enjoyed by all. We have had musicians,

speakers such as representatives from the Office of the Aging, Sheriff Dehm who gave a talk on scuba diving, Syd Dziewa an artist from Oakfield, Bill Schutt from Mercy Flight, Bruce Englehart, musician and we hope to do more in 2013.

In November we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, plus 6 VA Veteran's as our guests. We will also be sponsoring a community service program for the Christmas season with the Genesee Chorale as our guest.

On December 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. the *Smiling Dry Bones*, Senior Group will sponsor the Genesee Chorale "Scenes from the Nativity" at the Oakfield Methodist Church. This is our community service and we hope that everyone will come to the performance and enjoy the start of the holiday season. The Genesee Chorale at present has 80 members. Also on the agenda will be the Greycliffe String Quartet from Buffalo, NY. The audience will be asked to join in singing some Christmas carols. Our hope is that everyone in the community will support us and enjoy a beautiful evening.

Smiling Dry Bones is partially funded by the Muriel H. Marshall Fund and also a grant from the Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc., a foundation of the Genesee County Office for the Aging Committee to serve seniors in Genesee County.

You can call Jaunita Brooks for more information at 948-5041 or 219-4194.

Oakfield Betterment Committee

The Betterment Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the 2012 event. We had another successful year and are already planning for 2013! With last year's proceeds the Betterment Committee was able to purchase a portable speaker system that was used this year for both "Movies in the Park" and the Parade announcement. We are confident that they will continue to be used for more of our upcoming events, including the Halloween Party on October 27th, which will feature Haunted Wagon Rides and the Christmas Tree Lighting (Majestic Lights).



Please consider joining the committee. All are welcome. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Oakfield Town Hall on Drake Street. We love new ideas and any new suggestions are encouraged! The next meeting is January 9, 2013.

Look for the Betterment Committee's new website to be up and running within a month at www.oakfieldlabordaze.com, all upcoming and current information will be posted there as well as contact information for our Officers.



Thank you again for all your support!!!

Lion's Club Activities

The Lion's are looking for a few good people who like to do worthwhile community services projects.

The Oakfield-Alabama Lion's Club has some Fall activities going on and invite anyone who would enjoy working with like minded people to join in.



Late November around Thanksgiving the Lions Club prepares around 100 "Sunshine Baskets" for seniors living alone at home or in assisted living homes. We collect the fruit, cookies

and candy, pack the baskets and deliver them in one or two days. We also pack non-food baskets for seniors with special needs.

Interested? Call Lion Wally Kornow at 948-5802 or Lion Bill Barbur at 948-9882 or talk to any Lions Club member. We have our monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of the month. An informational brochure can be found at the Village office or by the glasses collection box at the post office.

CHRISTMAS

in Oakfield

(Majestic Lights in the Park and Christmas in the Village)

At Triangle Park

December 1st, 2012

1:00—Dusk



*Lighting of Trees at Dusk (approx. 5pm) at Triangle Park

*1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Santa in the Gazebo

Hot Chocolate and Cookies

Warm by the Fire

*3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Arts & Crafts at Haxton Library

*Caroling at 4:00p.m.

*Wagon Shuttles 12:30p.m. till after Tree Lighting Celebration from OACS, stopping at participating businesses (coupon sheet given at pickup)

Local Business Participating

Oakfield Family Pharmacy, Sapphire, Hair Studio 25, Dollats & Sense, DAS Dog Groomers, Pals with Tails, Warner Flower Shop, Caryville Inn, Santino's, Hair Et Cetera, Model Train Club, Alli's Cones and Dogs, Becky's Treasures & Crafts, Oakfield Hotel, 7/11, Historical Society, Haxton Memorial Library, Village of Oakfield, Crazy Cheap Cars

SPONSORED BY: Oakfield Lion's Club, Oakfield Betterment Committee, Town and Village of Oakfield

Christmas in Oakfield

(Majestic Lights in the Park and Christmas in the Village)

Saturday December 1st at 1pm till Dusk (approx. 5:00pm) at the Triangle Park.

“Christmas in Oakfield” is a lighted Christmas Tree Celebration representing area families, businesses, organizations and/or in the memory of a loved one who is no longer with us.

Purchase a Christmas Tree (through the project) and decorate it as you wish.

The \$30 fee covers the cost of the tree, materials for the sign, lead cords, replacements cords and adapters as needed, etc. Participants will provide lights and decorations. Please use LED lighting only.

The Christmas Trees will be in and ready to decorate on **Thursday, November 22nd through Tuesday, November 27th**. This will allow for a final check of the electricity prior to lighting on December 1st.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL TREES MUST BE DECORATED BY
NOVEMBER 27TH**

AT THE VERY MINIMUM, THERE MUST BE LIGHTS ON THE TREE

Trees will remain lighted through Tuesday, January 1st. All trees must be undecorated no later than Saturday, January 5th, 2013.

Any questions call the Town Clerks office at 585-948-5835 ext. 2 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

Please fill out the attached application with \$30.00 and return to the Town Clerks office **No Later** than Monday, November 12th.

Christmas in Oakfield

**Name _____ **Phone _____

Address _____

**In Memorial of/Representation of/Sponsored by _____
(Please circle one)

**How would you like it Signed _____

Please mail check/money order or stop in amount of \$30. No later than Monday, November 12th to

Melissa Haacke
Oakfield Town Clerk
3219 Drake Street
Oakfield NY 14125

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.



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