



Village of Oakfield Newsletter

Fall 2020

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVE

Fred Rogers the “Mr. Rogers” our families all grew up with wrote in his parenting book “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” He wrote, “I especially in times of “disaster” remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers—so many caring people in this world.”

Oakfield Village residents have stepped up and been those helpers, those caring people during the COVID 19 crisis. Thank you for all those kindnesses you have extended to neighbors. I encourage everyone to stay positive.

The public health emergency created by COVID-19 has had a substantial impact on our lives . Governor Cuomo’s “New York State on PAUSE” executive orders continue to impact many aspects of our lives and our Village government is no exception.

The Village Board has to make some difficult decisions in the future. We are faced with increasing cost for required goods and services while our revenue from the County drastically declines. A long anticipated second round of Federal Assistance has not been enacted and the hope that it will occur diminishes as we approach the elections. However, even as bad as COVID-19 has been, we have had our successes. Our community continues to step forward extending hands to those in need and Village work continues as you will see in the articles of this newsletter. My most pressing and important message is this—The best approach to stay safe while enjoying family is to adopt the 3-prong approach.

Wash Your Hands, Wear a Face Mask, Practice Social Distancing

Best Regards, Dave Boyle

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Both John Igoe and John Mullen have been reelected to four year terms as "Trustee." Both individuals have shown a strong personal commitment to help make the Village a great place to live. Their guidance combined with treating people with courtesy and respect have been welcome additions to the Village Board. Thank you for the past four years and the next four to come!

Wally Kornow and Barbara Barbur served a long day as our Election Inspectors. Though the day was long, Wally's and Barbara's personalities made the time spent together more enjoyable. There were good tales of yester-year and insightful discussions of Village history. We are very appreciative of these two residents who stepped forward to help. A tear of appreciation did come when recollecting Rose Nicomento who up to this year also served as an Inspector for many years.

VILLAGE TAX PAYMENTS

This is a reminder that October 31, 2020 is the LAST day to pay your Village Taxes to the Village office. Any taxes still outstanding after October 31st will be submitted to the County for collection. If you have any questions please contact the Village office at 948-5862.



**2020 OAKFIELD SCARECROW
CONTEST RULES & REGISTRATION FORM**

Make a scarecrow at home/work/school

Register your scarecrow by mail or at the Oakfield Community & Government Center by 10/7. Once registered your scarecrow will be entered into the contest.

Scarecrows will be hung by the Town of Oakfield no later than October 7th ALONG MAIN STREET ON THE LIGHT POLES!!!!

WE ASK THAT YOUR SCARECROWS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY. SCARECROWS MUST BE MADE IN GOOD TASTE & CONSTRUCTED TO WITHSTAND WIND AND RAIN.

Scarecrow Artists, please deliver your masterpiece to the Oakfield Community & Government Center during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 7:30-4).

PRIZE CATEGORIES: MOST ORIGINAL, FUNNIEST, BEST TRADITIONAL, BEST OVERALL

Vote online for your favorites at www.townofoakfieldny.com

WINNERS WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN OF OAKFIELD WEBSITE NOVEMBER 1ST!!

Please take your scarecrow down by November 8th.

Return this part with \$5.00 payment to:
Oakfield Centennial Committee, 3219 Drake Street Road, Oakfield, NY 14125 or drop off at the Town or Village of Oakfield.

NAME/ORGANIZATION: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Oakfield Centennial Committee
Find more information on Facebook or www.townofoakfieldny.com or Oakfield.govoffice.com
Questions? 948-5835 ext. 101

CONGRATULATIONS

In August Village DPW Supervisor, David Laney retired after serving the village for 36 years.

To fill the vacancy left by Dave's retirement, The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Tom Mikolajczyk as our new DPW Supervisor. Tom has served the village the last 19 years as DPW Maintenance Worker.

Join us in Congratulating Dave on his retirement and to Tom on his appointment as DPW Supervisor!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

GET READY FOR THE COOLER WEATHER

Accepting NEW or GENTLY used winter coats, boots & Accessories
(hats, gloves, snow pants and scarves)



Also accepting New or GENTLY used sneakers



Donations can be dropped off in the front vestibule at 33 South Main St (old Yellow Goose, new Community Center) September 23-30 from 9am-7pm

Items will be sorted and available to pick up for anyone interested at 33 South Main St (old Yellow Goose, new Community Center) On October 8th from 9:30-10:30am & 6:30-7:30pm and also October 10th from 9am-11am.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEWS FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There's still time to send in your biographies for family and friends in any of the 4 Oakfield cemeteries for an upcoming Historical Society publication. Contact Lori Widzinski (ljwidz@gmail.com) or Robyn Gage (robynegage@gmail.com). Deadline is Oct.31.

REMINDER

The Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. Please contact Board of Elections for absentee ballots and your voting location.



DPW NEWS

Hello Residents, My name is Tom Mikolajczyk and I am the new DPW Supervisor for the Village of Oakfield. I have worked for the Village DPW for nearly 20 years, have been a Village resident for 21 years and have lived in Oakfield my entire life.

I may look familiar to many of you; but we also have 2 new faces with the DPW; Neil and Dylan. Both are very approachable guys; so if you see them be sure to say hello.

We've been extremely busy with long awaited improvements to the Village. Some sidewalk blocks have been replaced and there are still many more to do. Please be patient as we will continue to replace others as budget allows.

North Pearl St, Stevens St. and a section of Bennett Avenue have been repaved.

Brush pickup will continue until November 9th; or until the first snowfall. Please be mindful of the brush regulations as they protect our workers from injury.

Leaf pickup will begin as the piles accumulate. Please place your piles at the edge of the road in a narrow line away from trees, fire hydrants, power poles and guide wires. And please limit it to just leaves; not sticks, rocks, lawn ornaments or other lawn debris. This is to prevent damage to our equipment.

Winter is just around the corner. Just a reminder; Local Law states "Residents are responsible for snow and ice removal on the sidewalks in front of their residence." The DPW will continue to do our best to keep the sidewalks cleaned with our machine. Help the guys out by not parking vehicles across the sidewalks. Also, please keep trash cans clear and house spotlights well away from edge of sidewalks as they may be damaged. Please do not park your vehicles on the sides of the road. There is no parking on all village streets from November 1st to April 30th from 2am-8am. It makes it very difficult for the snowplows to do the proper job on our streets. Although we do our best for cleaning snow from around fire hydrants, please help us out by keeping snow away from the hydrant near your residence. It also helps the fire department with access in case of an emergency and may save your house. Just a forewarning that there is also no parking in the municipal parking lots from 2am-8am year-round. Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

Thank you so much for your cooperation, and I look forward to the continued service to all residents.

Sincerely,
Tom Mikolajczyk/ DPW Supervisor



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