



Galway Reader

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Supervisor

Fellow Galway Residents-

I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful summer we have had here in Saratoga County. The last 3 months have been very busy with many opportunities to experience our surroundings.

In June, approximately 40 Galway Seniors were in attendance at the "Year of the Senior" celebration at the Canfield Casino the day was marked with food, fun and music for all to enjoy.

In July, I was informed that the Saratoga Race Course (NYRA) was going to run the 1st ever race in honor of Galway. On August 11th the inaugural Galway Stakes was run and I was asked to present the trophy to the winning horse. It was quite a thrill. Galway received a number of write-ups in the local paper and in the track papers. Our Historian Phyliss Keeler was instrumental in providing the authors as much history on horses in Galway as they could stand. A big thank you to Mrs. Keeler!

In the summer edition of the Galway Reader we included an Economic Development Survey to all residents and encouraged all residents to respond. It is with great excitement we have received in excess of 100 responses at this time. The Saratoga Prosperity Partnership is currently compiling all of the answers and information to be presented at the next forum on October 23rd at 7pm at Town Hall. If you have not responded yet please do so in the next couple of weeks. To those of you who took the time to express your ideas and opinions I want to say Thank You, because without your input this process doesn't work. I have had the pleasure of reading most responses and I must say that your input has given me great insight into what means the most to our community.

As I write this the leaves are starting to turn ever so slightly and the cool nights are upon us. Please mark your calendar and come out to the Economic Forum on October 23rd and help shape the direction of our community!

Until next time.....

Mike

Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadline for the Winter Edition - 2019 will be **at 4 pm** on: *Wednesday, December 11th 2019*

Articles may be dropped off at the Town Hall or e-mailed to me at: galwayreader@townofgalwayny.org. The publication goes to print the next day and mailed out within 2 to 3 weeks. Keep this in mind when submitting articles. **Articles must be one (1) page or less. Articles greater than one page will be returned for revision and/or not included.** **If you are submitting handwritten material, be sure the writing is legible, and not written in cursive or it will not be included.**

Megan & Sandy Izzo, Galway Reader Editors

DISCLAIMER: The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any article and is not obligated to accept and print all articles.

HISTORIAN

This year of 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War I, also known as “the Great WAR” or the “War to end all Wars”. The end was on November 11, 1918 followed by the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. Although this war began in 1914, the United States remained neutral until April 6, 1917 when it entered the war by declaring war on Germany, following attacks on U.S. shipping. The event that led to the war happened on June 28, 1914, when a Serb patriot schoolboy, Gavrilo Princip assassinated the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife in Sarajevo.

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States (1918-1921), reluctantly asked Congress for the declaration of war on Germany because German submarines continued to sink American vessels. President Wilson, in 1913 instituted the first constitutional Federal income tax. In 1814 he established the Federal Trade Commission. It was his idea that there be a League of Nations. His efforts won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1919.

By the time World War I began, the industrial revolution had armed both sides with powerful weapons: machine guns, tanks, high explosive artillery shells, gas, aircraft and submarines. Aircraft played an important role after a French pilot, Roland Garris decided to mount a machine gun on to his plane. This turned into one of those “oops, back to the drawing board” situations when he realized that he had shot the blades off his propeller. A Dutchman, Anthony Fokker, with proper gearing, checked the gun’s firing when the blades were in front of the muzzle.

The recently published book, “Galway 1900-1949”, on page 125 is a really great photo of Luella and William Dabinett. William survived a near death situation in France in 1918. The book also lists the names of 21 men in Galway who had enlisted. There are still copies of this book available for purchase at the Galway branch of the BSNB and the Galway and Providence Town Halls.

The American Legion magazine is publishing articles about WWI. The organization, the American Legion, began in 1919 and publishes monthly magazine for its members.

Phyllis Keeler, Town Historian

Tom Cwiakala, Deputy Historian

Galway Preservation Society

The Galway Preservation Society meets at Galway Town Hall the **first Monday** of each month, starting at 7:00 with refreshments, a short business meeting and a program of historical interest, which begins at approximately 7:45. Guests are always welcome! Our upcoming list of programs includes:

Nov. 4 - "High Rock to High Stakes" a history of Saratoga by Charles Kuenzel.

Dec. 2 - "Looking at That Antique **Christmas** Present a Survey of 19th Century Decorative Arts" by John Cromie.

Jan. 6 - "Harnessing Nature" the movie about building the Sacandaga reservoir.

Feb. 3 - "Chickens!" by Brookside Museum's Director of Education, Anne Clothier.

Mar. 2 - "200th Anniversary of the 1820 Revival" by J. James Mancuso.

Apr. 6 - "Ballston Spa against Saratoga, the Great Debate" Jim Richmond will be portraying Joshua B. Aldridge and Charles Kuenzel will be portraying Henry Walton.

May 4 - "The Year of The Glove: How One County Created an International Celebration of Local History" by Samantha Hill-Saladino, Fulton County Historian

Jun. 1 - Members' Picnic

To join GPS, mail \$10 per household membership dues to: Galway Preservation Society, PO Box 276, Galway, NY 12074. Please include name, address, phone and email, and mention any areas of interest. All members receive the GPS newsletter during the months we meet.

Our book, *Galway 1900-1949, A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York*, is for sale at the Galway & Providence Town Halls and Galway Public Library. Mail order forms are available on our website: www.galwaypreservationsociety.org.

Dockstader Charitable Trust

The Dockstader Charitable Trust announces a **November 1** deadline for filing grant applications for projects that benefit the residents of the Galway Central School District. Not-for-profit organizations may apply.

Applications are available at the Galway Public Library and on the library and school web sites. Funds for the trust were provided in the wills of Galway Village residents, Clayton R. Dockstader, and his wife Katherine Flickinger Dockstader.

To receive more information or request a grant application form, contact Julie Roy at 518-882-9101.

The Galway Seniors Group

The Galway Seniors Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. sharp at the Galway Town Hall.

All persons who are 55 years, or older are eligible to join.

Every Monday at 11:00am yoga for 1 hour

Every Friday at 11:15am yoga for 1 hour

Walk-ins Welcome. Instructor Sharyn Kalinkewicz

October 17, 2019 – 1:00pm Guest speaker Sandra Cross from the office of the Aging in the public hearing main room , and the Saratoga Public Health screening in the board room

November 21st – 1:00pm 2 Guest speakers, Galway Fire Department, and the Galway Ambulance Corps.

GALWAY SENIOR TRIP: All upcoming trips include coach transportation, departing from the Galway Town Hall 5910, Route 147, Galway

- 1) September 24-16 – Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theater, Shopping at the Tanger Outlets and Amishland Tours. Coach is \$380 double occupancy
- 2) October 9th, 2019 – 6:30am to 9:00pm to tour Philipsburg Mannor, Rockefeller Estates, and Washington Irving's Sunnyside
- 3) November 12th 2019 - \$42 Meal & Entertainment at the Gavin's Irish Inn
- 4) December 19th, 2019 – 8:30am to 6:00pm to see a Christmas Carols, Radio Play at Clove Creek Dinner Theatre, Fishkill. The cost is \$57 per person, for more information or to sign up call Dolly at 518-866-2898

For more information on our group, please visit the Galway Town website, click on Senior Trips.

Any questions, please call Liz at 518-882-9153 or Dan at 518-882-6749

The Galway Public Library

September was a busy month for Galway Public Library, even though we were closed for three weeks. Volunteers loaded boxes (and boxes!) of books and other items onto their trucks to move them from our previous building to the new one. On September 8th nearly 100 adults and kids carried books as they walked through the village to the new location, in our Ceremonial Moving of Childrens' Books. Our Grand Opening on September 21st was a wonderful community gathering, with the Ribbon Cutting, tours, and refreshments.

And now Galway Public Library is open in our brand new building at 2112 East Street. Please stop in to see what your community has accomplished. Be sure to check out the donor wall and the Friends' brick pavers to see the names of donors and those who have been memorialized and honored. We are grateful for the support of the community through all your donations, your attendance at Friends' fundraising events, and your hours of volunteer help.

Our open hours remain the same: Mon. & Tues. 10 – 6; Wed. & Thurs. 2 – 8; Fri. 2 – 6; Sat. 10 – 2; closed Sunday & holidays. Our phone number is still 518-882-6385, and our email is gal-director@sals.edu. The mailing address is P.O. Box 207, Galway NY 12074.

Our website, www.galwaypubliclibrary.org, has a new updated look to make it easier for you to use. Be sure to check the calendar on our website, sign up to have our newsletters emailed to you, and “like” our Facebook page, because we're always adding special programs and classes in addition to our regular programming.

For adults we have Mahjong every Monday at 10:30, Afternoon Tea each 3rd Friday at 3:00, Open Art Sessions 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 6:00 – 8:00, Writers' Group 3rd Thursdays at 6:30, Tech Assistance Wednesdays from 4:00 – 8:00 and each 3rd Saturday as well. Join our book group, *When Readers Meet*, on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00. In October we'll be discussing *Educated* by Tara Westover. We also have an Adult Art & Craft program on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00. In October, you can come in to learn how to make a Folded Book Art Heart. The Board of Trustees meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 and Finance Committee is on 1st Thursdays at 5:00. You are welcome to attend all meetings.

We have regular programs for children of all ages – in their own room! There's Story Time on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:30, Pokemon 1st Saturdays at 10:00, Lego Club 1st Mondays at 4:00, Crafternoon 3rd Thursday at 4:00, Kids' Garden Club 3rd Monday at 4:00. Our programs and classes are open to all; we encourage you to register so we're sure to have materials available for everyone.

Our *Galway Get Together* bi-weekly newsletter for free advertising, events postings, job openings, etc. is available in print or email. Send us your info: galwaygettogether@gmail.com. The website, www.galwaygettogether.org, has a community calendar, bulletin board and directory of local businesses and organizations. There's also a Galway Get Together Facebook page. Send us a Guest Post if you have something for sale, items to give away, a lost pet, etc. We'll help you reach the community with your information!

Galway Youth Commission

Family Fun Day 2018 – Celebrating Our Youth

The Town of Galway Youth Commission sponsored Family Fun Day 2019 on Saturday, June 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Town of Galway Complex. It was a fun day enjoyed by all! We had a great turnout of 461 people, who all had fun with a variety of activities. Many of our community organizations participated and shared a variety of safety information. A special thank you to all of our volunteers who made Family Fun Day 2019 possible, our very dedicated Family Fun Day Committee, our Galway Town Board, the Town Staff, the Town Highway Department, our many youth volunteers, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders, our older youth, as well as our many adult volunteers! Also, a special thank you for all of our donations: Village of Galway \$500, Town of Providence \$275, Stewart's Shop of Route 29 and Route 147 for paper cups, Hannaford of Amsterdam for paper cups and napkins, and Price Chopper of Amsterdam for paper cups, napkins, and a Price Chopper gift card. This was a totally free day for our youth and their families. With everyone's support, Family Fun Day 2019 was a great success

Galway Youth Commission Fall Recreation Soccer

Fall Recreation Soccer Program started on Saturday, September 14th through Saturday, October 19th for youth Pre-K through 6th grade at the Dockstader Recreation Fields. The fields are located on Sacandaga Road across from the Ballston Spa National Bank in Galway. Registration is ongoing throughout the program, and free of charge for the Town of Galway, Village of Galway, and towns in the Galway School District that participate in the Galway Youth Commission Programs. Outside towns pay \$15 per soccer season. Registration forms are available at the Galway Town Complex, the Galway Joseph Henry Elementary School and the Galway Public Library. For further information, please contact Soccer Coordinator/Instructor Samantha Price at 518-866-4360.

Galway Karate Club

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Galway High School. Classes are free for youth in the Town of Galway and for youth in the towns in our School District that participate in the Galway Youth Commission Programs. For further information contact Karate Instructor Chris Malley at 518-727-0385 or email shinanchris@gemakarate.com

Galway Junior Rifle Club

The Junior Rifle Club is based out of the Galway Fish and Game Club located on Route 29 in Galway. Youth 12 years and older interested in marksmanship and safety training contact Coach Kyle Donnan at 518-813-8024. The class is limited to 12 students.

Galway Youth Commission - continued

In Memory of Chuck Boykin

Chuck Boykin passed away on June 30th 2019. Chuck was a member of our Galway Youth Commission Board of the Town of Galway. He always came to our monthly board meeting unless it was on the evening of the Galway Junior Rifle Club, but Chuck would always email us his monthly report. He always knew what the Rifle club needed for equipment and did not let the Youth Commission Rifle Club budget sit idle. Throughout the many years, Chuck kept us well informed of the many successes of the Junior Rifle Club, which existed for over 40 years. Chuck was an instructor, a mentor and a friend to all the youth he taught. Within the club, there was a smaller group which shoots competitively. Many youth from this group have earned college scholarships, and have been very successful competitively! Chuck touched many of our youth's lives in so many ways! What a gift to give to others!

Galway Recreation Basketball

Recreation Basketball will be held on Saturdays at Galway Central School for boy and girls in 1st grade through 6th grade, starting in November through December. Flyers will be sent home from school with further information before November. Contact coordinator Coach Dan Anderson for further information at 518-882-5225

Upcoming December Activities

As we approach the month of December, please watch for further information about our free family swim program at the Glenville YMCA over the Christmas Break. We will also have free one day ski passes including equipment at the Galway High School Office on a first come first serve basis for junior- senior high school youth in 7th through 12th grade.

In January or before, information will be sent home about our Pee Wee Wrestling Program held at Galway School, on Mondays and Wednesdays in January through the end of March for youth 1st through 6th grade.

A special thank you goes out to all of our local businesses, community service organizations, and Galway Central School District for their continued support and donations to the Galway Youth Commission. A special thank you to our entire group of program volunteers who contribute their time and serve our youth. Thank you to our Galway Youth Commission Board Members!!

With everyone's support and help, we are able to provide our youth with a variety of programs!! The best gift we can give our youth is our time!

Donna Sowle
Galway Youth Commission Chairman

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Autumn is here and with it the beauty of the trees and the crispness of the air. It also brings busyness back to our lives. The Assessor's Office continues the process of getting ready for the 2020 Assessment Roll.

I wish to say a hearty Thank You to all the residents of the Town of Galway for their assistance with the recent revaluation project. It is now complete and we will continue to keep our assessment roll as up to date and current as possible.

If you are new to Galway and this is your primary residence and you earn less than \$500,000, you may apply for the Basic STAR at the NYS Dept of Tax and Finance (website www.tax.ny.gov or phone (518)457-2036) New owners qualifying for Senior Enhanced STAR also need to register with NYS Dept of Tax and Finance (same info as above). In order to qualify for this exemption, you must be 65 years of age – sometime in 2017 or earlier and your adjusted gross income cannot be more than \$86,000.

NYS changed some of the process with the STAR exemptions. You now have the right to change your STAR exemption (savings shown on your school tax bill) to a STAR Check (savings received in a check from the Dept of Tax and Finance). If you wish to make this change, please contact my office and I will help you do that. Be aware that NYS had indicated that the value of the exemption will stay flat. The value of the STAR check MAY increase by UP TO 2%. Note the difference (they did not say the STAR check WILL increase by 2%). Once again, if you would like information, please contact me.

Senior exemptions are available to anyone turning 65 in 2020 and meeting certain income requirements. Stop by and see if you qualify for more exemptions than you currently receive.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your assessment, the inventory on your property or your exemptions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at my office number 882-6070, ext 17 or by email at vhayner@townofgalwayny.org. My office is open Tuesdays from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM and on Thursdays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Vicki Hayner,
IAO Assessor

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**Galway Youth Commission
Youth Referral Service**

For youth 14 years of age and older, seeking babysitting, housework,
shoveling, yard work, and other odd jobs

Persons interested in hiring youth for odd jobs should contact:

Donna Sowle, Youth Referral Director, at 518-882-1347

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