



Galway Reader

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Spring 2018

Supervisor

Spring Greetings:

As I write this I am looking out at considerable snow banks and there is prediction for more to come. One has to wonder why the spring season is playing so hard to find. As most of know the month of March can be one of the snowiest months of the year and March 2018 is proving to be no exception. I, like most of you, am very ready for nice weather to make an appearance and for more than one day!

I would like to give a tip-of-the-hat to our hardworking town highway crew. This winter has been very challenging. The combination of icy roads, persistent snow storms and the melting and refreezing on roads has made for very long hours. Our Highway Superintendent Dave Costanzo and his crew have done a great of keeping our roads safe and still managed to work within the budget.

In late February we conducted a public meeting on the revaluation project. Assessor Vicky Hayner addressed the group and did a presentation on the rationale for the project, as well as the various steps and a timeline for project completion. All were assured there will be plenty of time to review the results and meet with the Assessor to go over the information collected for each parcel. Please see Vicky's article in the newsletter for more information.

The town will once again conduct a bulk waste and debris drop off collection period in May and June this year. The dates are May 22-25 and June 5-8 at the town garage. There are more details within the newsletter.

We would like to welcome Dave Schweizer to the Board of Assessment Review as a new member. Dave replaces Neil Cayey who recently resigned as a member of the board and we thank Neil for his work on the board and wish him well in his future endeavors.

In closing, please remember to make a donation of food or non-perishable items to the Galway Food Bank or a cash donation. Have a safe spring and enjoy our spring weather, whenever it arrives.

Best wishes, Paul Lent

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Bulk Waste Drop Off Spring 2018

The Town of Galway will be conducting a bulk waste drop-off program for town residents May 22nd through May 25th and again June 5th through June 8th at the Town Highway Garage at 5910 Sacandaga Road (NYS Rte. 147).

Drop off times for each are 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

There will be highway employees assigned to this duty, please see them before dropping off your waste so that they can direct you to the proper location.

The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

- No Electronics
- No Hazardous Materials
 - Paints, paint thinners, petroleum products (oil/gas), etc.
- No Household Garbage
- No Propane Tanks
- No Tires
- Metal will be accepted as well as refrigerators and freezers but they **MUST be drained of refrigerants.**

The Town will be running a bulk waste drop-off at the Highway Department located at the Town Hall Complex on Route 147. There will be highway employees assigned to this duty, please see them before dropping off your waste so that they can direct you to the proper location. Following are the dates and times for the drop-off:

Wednesday, June 8 th	6:00 am – 6:30 pm
Thursday, June 9 th	6:00 am – 6:30 pm
Friday, June 10 th	6:00 am – 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 11 th	8:00 am – 4 pm
Sunday, June 12 th	8:00 am – 4 pm

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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

As you are all aware, the Assessor's Office has begun the process for a revaluation project in the Town. A public information meeting was held on February 28th at which time information about the ramifications and process of such project were explained. It was explained that the purpose for this project is to regain equity in the Town and make sure all property owners are paying their fair share of taxes. **It is NOT to raise more tax money!!**

The first step in this project will be to send out Data Mailers to all property owners (excepting vacant land owners) in May. Once you receive this information, please review it, make any corrections necessary and return to my office by the deadline (June 15, 2018). Once this information has been input, field review will begin. Field review will happen during July-September. When I am in the field, I will be in a car that is clearly identified as the Town of Galway Assessor. We will be checking data and updating pictures as necessary.

This project will not affect taxes until school taxes in September 2019 and Town/County taxes of 2020. There will be ample time for discussion with this office if you feel your information is not correct.

More information regarding this project will be forthcoming. Please feel free to contact me (518-882-6070 ext. 17) if you have concerns or questions regarding this project.

Vicki Hayner, Assessor

Dockstader Trust, Application Deadline, May 1

Twice a year the Dockstader Charitable Trust accepts applications from not-for-profit organizations for the funding of projects that benefit the residents of the Galway Central School District. The next application deadline is May 1. To receive more information or to request a grant application form, contact Julie Roy at 882-9101. Applications can be obtained at the Galway Public Library or printed from the web sites of the school or the library. Funds for the trust were provided in the wills of Galway Village residents, Clayton R. Dockstader and his wife Katherine Flickinger Dockstader.

Arlene Rhodes, Corresponding Secretary, Dockstader Charitable Trust
PO Box 25, Galway, NY 12074, [518-882-1297](tel:518-882-1297)

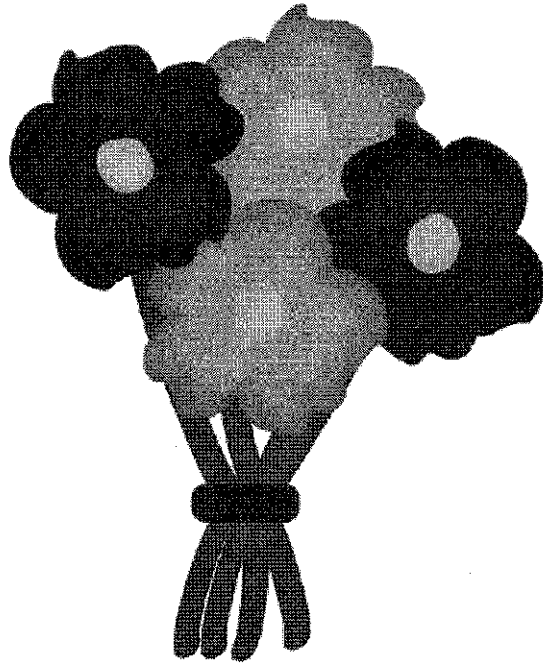
Galway Preservation Society

The Galway Preservation Society usually meets the first Monday of each month, through June, at the Galway Town Hall. Our meetings start at 7:00 with refreshments and social time, followed by a short business meeting at 7:30 and a program of historical interest which begins at approximately 7:45.

You may join the GPS at any time, although you do not need to be a member to attend the meetings. Membership dues is \$10 per household and may be mailed 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 still available for purchase at the Galway branch of the BSNB, and Galway & Providence Town Halls. Mail order forms are on our website: www.galwaypreservationsociety.org.

8th Annual Craft Fair



Hosted by the Galway Lioness Club

**Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 10 am until 3
pm**

**Free Admission - Galway High School
5317 Sacandaga Road (Rte. 147)
Galway, NY 12074**

Galway Senior Citizens

You are welcome to come and join or visit our meeting; 55 years and up. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at our Galway Town Hall, starting at 1pm.

Galway Senior Citizens Movie Day: Held at Emerald Cinemas, Amsterdam, NY on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Cost is \$2 per person. Contact Liz Feulner at 882-9153 for more details.

Guest Speakers for Galway Seniors:

March 15th: Guest Speaker Cheryl Lawyer, Aging Successful – with Vision Loss Program.

April 5th: Attorney General; Michael Sprague will be discussion Fraud and Spectrum.

April 19th: Guest Speaker Bob Nevins; Saratoga War Horse.

May 3rd: Saratoga Leadership, Nancy Dwyer; will be discussion Galway Library AND 2nd speaker: James Smith, preparing funerals and expenses.

May 17th: Speakers Jason Kemper & Lauren Roberts: Movie – Harnessing Nature Building the Great Sacandaga Lake – 80 minutes

June 21st: Annual Picnic

Chair Yoga is held every Monday for 45 minutes at the Galway Town Hal in the Community Room. The time is 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$2.50.

For further information regarding the group can be found at the Galway Town Website and click on Senior Trips.

Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadlines for 2018 will be **at 4 pm** on (NO EXCEPTIONS):

Summer edition: Wednesday, June 13th, 2018

Fall edition: Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

Winter edition: Wednesday, December 12th, 2018

Articles may be dropped off at the Town Hall or e-mailed to me at: galwayreader@townofgalwayny.org. The publication will be sent to the printer 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. Pictures will not be included unless they are submitted by e-mail in jpeg format.

Pamela Wright, Galway Reader Editor

Conor's Cruisers Auto Show



June 16th, 2018

11:00AM TO 4:00PM

**LOCATION: Galway Central School
5317 Sacandaga Rd Galway NY, 12074**

Free admission for spectators

Kids Activities

**50/50 and Raffles
Trophies and Prizes**

Vendors and Food Trucks

All Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles are welcome to enter!

Enter at conorscruisersautoshow.com

\$10 to enter before May 16th and \$15 after May 16th

All Proceeds will be donated to the Conor Bradshaw Memorial

Scholarship, "Impact Teen Drivers", and the Galway Class of 2021

Galway Youth Commission

Galway Youth Commission Spring Recreational Soccer

Youth Commission Spring Recreation Soccer will be held starting on Saturday, May 12th through Saturday, June 16th for youth Pre-K thru 6th grade at the Town of Galway Fields. The fields are located on Sacandaga Road across from the Ballston Spa National Bank in Galway. Registration forms will be available at the Elementary School Office, the Galway Town Hall and the Galway Public Library. For further information, please contact Samantha Price, Soccer Coordinator/Coach at 518-866-4360 or Donna Sowle at 518-882-1347.

The Galway Karate Club

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Galway High School Cafeteria. Beginner classes are held from 7pm to 8pm and Advanced Classes are from 8pm to 9pm year round. Due to the school construction project, please contact Karate Instructor Chris Malley at 518-727-*0385 for further information about the class location during the summer.

Family Fun Day 2018

The Galway Youth Commission and the Town of Galway will be sponsoring Family Fun Day 2018. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Youth". Family Fun Day 2018 will be held on Saturday, June 16th, from 1pm to 4pm – rain or shine – at the Town of Galway Complex. A variety of activities will be held including the Big Slide, the famous Dunk Tank, DJ Music, hopefully the fun Photo Booth, many games with small prizes, cool sno-cone food and many fun crafts. There will also be free raffle drawings for all youth to participate in for chances to win larger prizes. We are hoping to have our various community groups participate again. There is more to come! This day is free of charge to all. Come and join the fun and help celebrate our youth! For further information, please contact Donna Sowle at 518-*882-1347.

Summer Recreation Program

The Summer Recreation Program will be held in July Monday thru Friday from 9:30 am to Noon. Due to the school construction project, we are currently working out details to where the program will be held. Our Recreation Program will serve children going into kindergarten in the fall through those that completed the 6th grade. A variety of activities will be held according to age. Those activities include sports, arts and crafts, cheerleading and dancercise. There will also be a Story Time Group which includes stories, craft projects, games and outdoor play. Registration forms will be available at the Elementary School Office thru the end of school in June, at the Galway Town Hall and at the Galway Public Library. Registration is on-going throughout the program. For further information, please contact Summer Recreation Program Director Karen Moffatt at 518-883-4473 or Donna Sowle at 518-882-1347. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of June.

Learn to Swim Program

The Galway Youth Commission Learn to Swim Program will be held in July – August at the Glenville YMCA for children going into kindergarten in the fall thru those in the 4th grade. We will offer free lessons with 2/2-week sessions. Watch for further details coming in May or contact Donna Sowle at 518-882-1347. Space will be limited to 25 youth per session.

All Galway Youth Commission Programs are free of charge for youth in the Town of Galway and for youth in the Towns that participate in our Youth Commission Programs in our School District. There is a one-time charge of \$15 per activity for towns in our school district that do not pay. The fee is waived for those who can't pay.

A special thank you goes out to all of our local businesses, community service organizations and the Galway School District for their continued support and donations to the Galway Youth Commission. And also a thank you to members of our Galway Youth Commission Board as well as our many program coordinators and volunteers who contribute their time to serve our youth. Your dedication is great appreciated. With everyone's support and help, we are able to provide our youth with a variety of programs.

Donna Sowle, Galway Youth Commission Chairman

Galway Public Library

Galway Public Library's New Building project is entering an exciting new phase of progress. The architects have been working diligently to create the complete plans for the new building. They hope to begin the construction bidding process in April. We are excited to be making plans for a Groundbreaking Ceremony in June to celebrate the beginning of this important addition to our community, which is projected to be completed by June of 2019! The fundraising phase of the project continues, and we are grateful for all donations and the community's support. There is a New Building Donation form on the library's website: www.galwaypubliclibrary.org.

Petitions are now available at the library for Galway Central School District residents (18 years or older) who are interested in running in June 2018 to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. Contact Deb Flint at 518-882-6385 or gal-director@sals.edu for more information. This is a great opportunity to serve the library and become involved in the community.

Did you know? Along with all the programs, classes, books, and DVDs like those listed below, we also serve community needs in a variety of ways. We now offer **Tech Assistance** every Wed. from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. Call for an appointment, or just drop in for help. There is a **Notary** at the library during most of our open hours. We have copies of the **Galway school yearbooks** from 2015 back to 1942 on CD for viewing at the library. There's also an extensive **Local History Photo Collection** available on our website, thanks to the Galway Preservation Society. Our **Featured Artists** display their works at the library. And, *The Galway Get Together* keeps you up to date with a bi-weekly newsletter, Facebook page and website www.galwaygettogether.org!

We're open Mon. & Tues. 10 - 6; Wed. & Thurs. 2 - 8; Fri. 2 - 6 and Sat. 10 - 2. We have many regularly-scheduled events. **For kids:** Pokemon; Lego Club; Artful Mondays; Story Hour; Tinker Thursday; Crafternoon; Stop Motion Animation; Weather Around Us; and Makerspace. **Adult programs** include: Mahjong; Afternoon Tea; Open Art Sessions; Writers' Group; Readers Group; and Intro to Tech. The **Board of Trustees** meets on the 3rd Wed. of each month at 6:30. We're already getting ready for our busy **Summer Reading Programs** - for kids and for adults! Watch for information about signing up in June. We encourage you to register for programs (518-882-6385) and to check the library website www.galwaypubliclibrary.org for details and additional programs.

A sampling of our **new books for adults** includes: *The Women in the Castle* - Jessica Shattuck; *Winter* - Ali Smith; *The Great Alone* - Kristin Hannah; *The President is Missing* - Bill Clinton & James Patterson; *An American Marriage* - Tayari Jones; *Educated: A Memoir* - Tara Westover; *What Unites Us* - Dan Rather; *Fire & Fury* - Michael Wolff. **Books for kids:** *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine* - Mark Twain; *The Vanderbeekers of 141st St* - Karina Glaser; *The Treasure Box* - Margaret Wild; *You Don't Want a Unicorn* - Ame Dyckman; *We're All Wonders* - RJ Palacio; *On A Magical Do-Nothing Day* - Beatrice Alemagna.

New DVDs for kids: Coco; Ferdinand; My Little Pony, the Movie; Paddington 1 & 2; The Star; The Stray; Lego Star Wars - Freemaker Season 2. **New adult DVDs:** Battle of the Sexes; Brad's Status; Darkest Hour; Florida Project; Geostorm; Goodbye Christopher Robin; I, Tonya; It; Justice League; LBJ; Murder on the Orient Express; Roman J, Israel, Esq.; Thor: Ragnarok; Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri; Wonder.

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 882-1347

(Clip and Save)