



Galway Reader

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Summer 2017

Supervisor

Greetings and Happy Summer,

The summer of 2017 is upon us and the usual rituals of this time of year will unfold such as graduations, family picnics, vacations, tending to the garden and attending the Saratoga County Fair. Let's hope our summer is warmer and drier than our spring has been.

As I have done with each summer newsletter, I would like to congratulate the graduates of the Class of 2017 be it high school or college. The Town Board and I would like wish you well as you venture out into the world to make your way. It is also a great time to congratulate parents and others who have sacrificed and worked just as hard to see that their loved one(s) successfully completed their studies. Again, congratulations please know the community is proud of you.

As you begin to plan your summer activities I would like to remind you the Saratoga County Fair will be July 18-23rd. The Fair in 2016 was once again voted "Best of" for the Capital District. Please mark this on your calendar to attend.

During this time of year with increased numbers of parties and picnics, I would remind all town residents to be especially careful as it pertains to highway safety and to avoid drinking and driving. Summer also brings about lots of activities on the water and it is good to be safe on the water and please watch the little ones around the beach and pools.

The Highway Department has been very busy with seasonal road maintenance and reconstruction. This is a very busy time of year of the department. I would also like to acknowledge the cooperation and assistance we received from other towns in loaning us workers and trucks to make our construction more efficient. We will from time to time loan a driver and a truck to these towns on a reciprocal basis. This is a great example of municipal cooperation that goes on to keep costs down.

Our bulk waste drop off was a success this year. We are considering having another one in the fall. Please watch the web site for any announcements we may have concerning an additional week of bulk waste drop off.

While the fall seems a long way off, it is at this time of year when we begin the process of preparing the 2018 budget. We will be working on this task through October. Trying to stay within the tax cap limits has proven very difficult when costs for items such as pensions and health care have risen at greater percentages of growth than our tax cap allows. By example last year our health costs rose about 9%, while our tax cap growth was .63%. As you can see it becomes a significant struggle to stay within the limits imposed by the State.

Please remember during the summer months the Galway Food Pantry can use donations of food, personal items, pet food and cash. The demand on the pantry does not diminish during the summer.

Warm regards - Paul Lent, Supervisor

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

Pole Barns – Building Permits

Recently a number of inquiries have been made regarding the construction of “pole barns” and the need for a building permit. The confusion may lie in the use of the word “barn” which to some may imply agricultural use. Most pole barns constructed in Galway are used for the storage of vehicles, materials and other items and therefore by definition are NOT exempt from the NYS Building Code.

There is an exemption from the New York Building Code for true agricultural buildings. The section of the New York State Building Code that pertains to the exemption from the code for agricultural buildings is section 101.2. To qualify for the exemption, the building must be classified as an agricultural building which by definition is “a building used solely in the raising, growing or storage of agricultural products by a farmer engaged in a farming operation.” Also in Chapter 2 of the NYS Building Code “A structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products is exempt from the building code – but this section does exclude any structure designed, constructed or used, in whole or in part for human habitation, as a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged or as a place used by the public

There are **NO EXEMPTIONS from obtaining a permit** even if the building meets the definition as an agricultural building. A permit is always required for all buildings. Agricultural buildings must comply with local zoning and planning laws (such as building setbacks and other zoning regulations).

In summary, even if the structure meets the definition as an agricultural building you must obtain a building permit. The building may be exempt from code compliance regarding its structural components but it must still have a building permit.

Any questions please contact the Code Enforcement office at 882-6070.

Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadlines for 2017 will be **at 4 pm** on (NO EXCEPTIONS):

Fall edition: Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

Winter edition: Wednesday, December 13th, 2017

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

HISTORIAN

A New York State historical marker sign is due to be erected at the Glowegee Creek Bridge on Jockey Street to commemorate the founding and operation of the Seabury Mill complex which was located just yards upstream of the current bridge and was operated by the Seabury family for more than 60 years. The planned installation will be done in conjunction with the Galway Preservation Society and is scheduled for the Fall of 2017. A short ceremony is planned and is expected to be attended by Mr. Douglas S. Langdon and family, the grandson of Irving and Cornelia Seabury, the occupants of the house just South of the creek. This house was originally business by Irving's father, John Seabury, sometime after John's marriage to Harriet Wright in 1895.

The Seabury Mills consisted of a saw mill, a carding mill, a feed mill and a vinegar works. All were powered by the flow of the Glowegee and, as was the case with similar mills, were normally limited to the spring water flow for full production. According to W. Bronson Taylor's "Stores and Pictures of Galway", a four-foot diameter water turbine and an eight-foot-high log dam supplied the power. Mr. Taylor also wrote "The 1866 Atlas shows a carding mill north of the stream. In the 1871 directory Andrew Seabury is named as owning a carding mill." The carding mill probably utilized a (or possibly more than more) carding machine, which converts cleaned, sometimes dyed raw wool stock into the form of a soft rope, or roving, ready for spinning. Plus Mr. Taylor wrote the following: "when Irving Seabury rant he mills, he developed a vinegar generating plant. The apples were ground and pressed on the south side of the stream. The cider was pumped to tanks on the north side. The vinegar generators were also on the north side." The saw mill probably purchased logs from local farmers and sawed them into construction lumber as Galway forests produced and still produced good hemlock and pine. The feed mill probably milled oats, wheat, and corn into feed for dairy cows, horses, chickens, pigs or other farm animals.

Ultimately, a shortage of good local timber to feed the saw mill and a significant apple winterkill forced the closure of the saw mill and the relocation of the vinegar works. The sawmill was taken over by a neighbor, George Armer, and continued to operate at some level for a time. A man named Truax also operated the saw mill for several years. The other businesses followed soon after and, by 1914 most of the structures associated with the mill had been removed.

The rich history of local industry and commerce in the Town of Galway is a testament to the entrepreneurial and pioneer spirit of our early residents. This marker is intended to acknowledge and celebrate that spirit.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike and Alyson Bingham for furnishing this New York State marker sign. This sign will join the existing seven that are located throughout the town.

Phyllis Keeler, Historian
Tom Cwiakala, Deputy Historian

Galway Volunteer Fire Company

Friends and neighbors, the Galway Volunteer Fire Company, our executive officers, firematic officers and the members are very grateful to you for all your support. We are finally in our new "house" on West Street. The new station provides us with larger truck bays, a fitness room, a large training/community room and kitchen.

As Spring becomes Summer we would remind you to be careful with open fires and barbeques, use a flotation device when boating on the lake and watch for children, off on summer recess.

Please keep this date on your calendar; Our "Official" open house on July 8th, stop by and help us celebrate.

In closing, thank you very much for all the support at our "Philly Cheese Steak Dinner." We fed 500 people! We still have some raffle tickets available for the Henry .22 caliber rifle. The drawing will be during our open house on July 8th.

Be safe and enjoy a great summer in Galway! Your Galway Volunteer Fire Company

GALWAY SENIORS GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2017 (All start times are 1:00 p.m.)

July 20th:

Malta Historians with guest speaker Paul Perreault. Ice Harvesting in Saratoga County

August 17th:

Ice Cream Social and Penny Sale

September 21st:

Eddy Alzheimer Services, Guest Speaker Jennifer Harvey

October 19th: HEALTH FORUM

Saratoga County Public Health; workshops, management arthritis and living well with chronic pain

November 16th:

New York State Epic Elderly Pharmaceuticals coverage program; with guest speaker Mark McLaughlin

TRIPS 2017

June 22:

Friesians of Majesty Townshend, VT - \$62
New England House Restaurant Lunch, Brattleboro, VT
June 10th Deadline

September 14:

Lake George Steamboat Cruises - \$38
St. Sacrament Luncheon Cruise
August 14th Deadline

For further information: Call Dolly at 518-866-2898

You are welcome to join or visit our meeting; 55 yrs. and up. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at the Galway Town Hall, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Galway Youth Commission

Galway Youth Commission Spring Recreational Soccer

Youth Commission Spring Recreation Soccer was held starting May 6th and will continue through June 17th for youth Pre-K through 6th grade at the Dockstader Recreation Fields. We had a great turnout of over 60 youth participate in spring soccer. A special thank you to Recreation Soccer Program Coordinator Coach Samantha Price and to all of our coaches and helpers who supported our Spring Recreation Soccer Program; it was greatly appreciated.

Learn to Swim Program

The Youth Commission Learn to Swim Program will be held at the Glenville YMCA for youth in the Town of Galway, Village of Galway and in the towns that participate in the Galway Youth Commission Programs free of charge. This program will be serving youth entering kindergarten in September 2017 through youth entering the 5th grade in September 2017. The Program will offer the following sessions: Session 1 will be held Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on Monday, July 10th through Friday, July 21st. Session 2 will be held Monday thru Friday, July 24th through Friday August 4th. Parents or a responsible adult must transport their child to the YMCA and stay with them during the lessons. We can register 25 youth for each session. There will also be a waiting list in case we have any spots available. Registration for the Swim Program will begin on Wednesday, June 21st at the Galway Town Hall Complex from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. After that, sign-up if we are able to have more slots available, you may register at the Galway Town Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Thursday, June 29th. For Further information, please contact Learn to Swim Program Coordinator Donna Sowle at 882-1347.

Galway Youth Commission Summer Recreation Program

The Summer Recreation Program will be held at Galway School starting on Monday, July 10th and ending on Friday, August 4th for children 4 years old through those that completed the 6th grade. The program will begin on Tuesday, July 5th and continue through Friday, July 29th. The program will be held Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until noon. A variety of activities will be held according to age. Those activities include sports groups, arts & crafts, story time, 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 Galway Elementary School, the Galway Town Hall Complex and the Galway Public Library. Registration is ongoing throughout the program. The Summer Recreation Program is free of charge to the Village of Galway, the Town of Galway and to youth in the towns that participate in our School District Galway Youth Commission Programs. Youth may attend the program as many days as they wish to attend. For further information on this program, please contact Summer Recreation Program Director Karen Moffat at 883-4473.

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Galway Youth Commission Fall Recreation Soccer

Youth Commission Fall Recreation Soccer will be held starting on Saturday, September 16th through Saturday, October 21st for youth pre-K through 6th grade at the Dockstader Recreation Fields 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 Recreation Soccer Program Coordinator Coach Samantha Price at 866-4360 or Donna Sowle at 882-1347. If you are interested in coaching or helping with the soccer program in any way, please contact Coordinator Samantha Price.

The Galway Karate Club

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Galway School. Beginner classes are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Advance classes are from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. year round. Call Karate Instructor Chris Malley at 518-727-0385 for further information.

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

Donna Sowle
Galway Youth Commission Chairman

Did you know

The Saratoga County Fair will be held July 18-23. Senior Day is Wednesday July 19th and entry for seniors is only \$5. The Saratoga County Fair was once again voted the best County Fair in 2016 for the Greater Capital District.

On August 26th the 148th Travers Stakes Race will be held at the Saratoga Racecourse. The Travers is the oldest horse racing stakes race in America. It is five years older than the Kentucky Derby. The race is one mile and quarter.

The Great Sacandaga Lake is just over 41 square miles in area and when full contains 29.92 Billion cubic feet of water.

Galway Lake was first impounded 1855 for use by various mills along the North Chuctanunda Creek going toward Amsterdam and is about 564 acres in area.

The Town of Galway celebrated its 225 anniversary of becoming a town in 2017. The area that is now the Town of Galway was once part of the Town of Ballston. In 1796 the Town of Providence was broken off from Galway to become its own municipality.

Galway Public Library

Summer Reading Program, *June 17 through August 26*

Our special programs are all about building a sense of wonder, literacy skills, and community awareness, and emphasize making the world a better place for everyone. Kids keep track of the time they spend reading or attending programs, and earn entries into a drawing for prizes.

Look at all the programs (for adults too!) coming up this July and August!

Please call 882-6385 or email gal-director@sals.edu to register for programs & classes.

Pokémon – 1st Saturdays at 10 AM

Preschool Story Hour – 1st & 3rd Mondays at 10:30 AM (except July 4th LIBRARY CLOSED)

Playful Clay with Jim Best– every Wednesday 7/5 until 8/16 - 6 PM to 8 PM

Lego Club 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 3 PM

Facebook for Business 7/8 at 11 AM

Artfull Mondays– every Monday 7/10 until 8/21 at 1 PM

Tang Museum 3D Collage with old maps 7/11 at 11AM

Tinker Tuesdays for 4 Tuesdays beginning 7/11 at 2 PM

Cosmic Kids Yoga– every Wednesday 7/12 until 8/23 at 3 PM

Art with Herb 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6-8 PM (note the new day of the week)

PJ Story Time 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7 PM

Writers' Group 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM (note the new day of the week)

MakerSpace open 7/20 to 7/28 and 8/24 to 9/1

When Readers Meet 4th Mondays at 7PM – July's discussion: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye*, by Rachel Joyce

Building Giant Jenga with 12-pack size soda boxes 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 at 2PM

Intro to Windows 10 - 8/12 at 11 AM

"Kids Under Construction" by BJ & Co Clown 8/15 at 7 PM

Canvas Painting w/ Sarah - 8/19 at 11 AM

Details are available on the *Programs & More* tab of our website, galwaypubliclibrary.org

We have wonderful new books for the kids to check out, thanks to the **Stewart's Holiday Match Grant**. Some of our new additions for adults include: **DVDs:** *A Dog's Purpose*; *Hidden Figures*; *La La Land*; *Logan*; *Rogue One*; **Books:** *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman, (an outstanding, thoughtful book everyone can enjoy – whether or not you like hockey!); *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See; *Ministry of Utmost Happiness* by Arundhati Roy; *The Hearts of Men* by Nickolas Butler; *The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve; *Ice Ghosts* by Paul Watson.

The Galway Public Library is committed to serving your community in a variety of ways. Our most recent contribution is the **Galway Get Together Community News and Resource website** (galwaygettogether.org) and **Facebook page**, which join our email and print **Galway Get Together newsletter**, to keep you informed about our area. The website includes a Directory of local businesses and organizations, as well as a Community Calendar and a Bulletin Board. The Directory provides a handy place for you to connect with almost any type of business or service you're looking for. It's also a great way for the businesses to advertise, completely free! On the Facebook page we post upcoming events, interesting news about our community, even your yard sale – all the things we've been including in the newsletters, and much more.

Contact: galwaygettogether@gmail.com

Did you know? Another helpful feature we offer on the Galway Public Library's website is a Local History Photo Collection, which the Galway Preservation Society generously shared with us. Find it under the Community tab of galwaypubliclibrary.org.

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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 882-1347

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