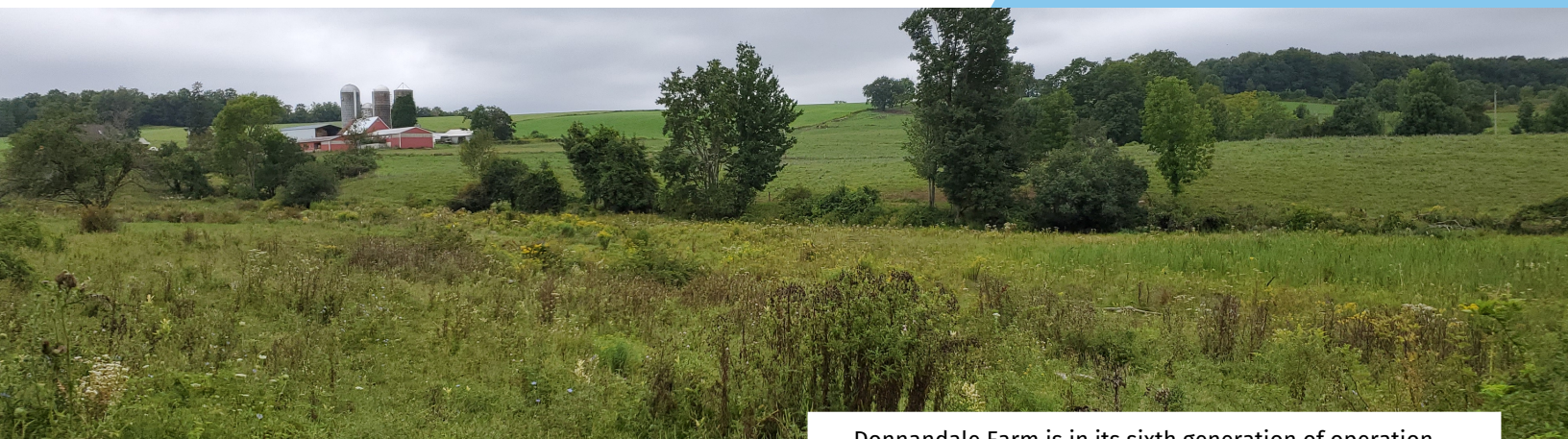


GALWAY READER

Fall 2021- Town of Galway Newsletter



Donnandale Farm is in its sixth generation of operation through ownership by Kyle Donnan.

From the Supervisors Desk

By Mike Smith

Fellow Galway Residents,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer; it certainly has been a wet one! As we head into the fall, we have many ongoing discussions, events, and topics that I want to touch on:

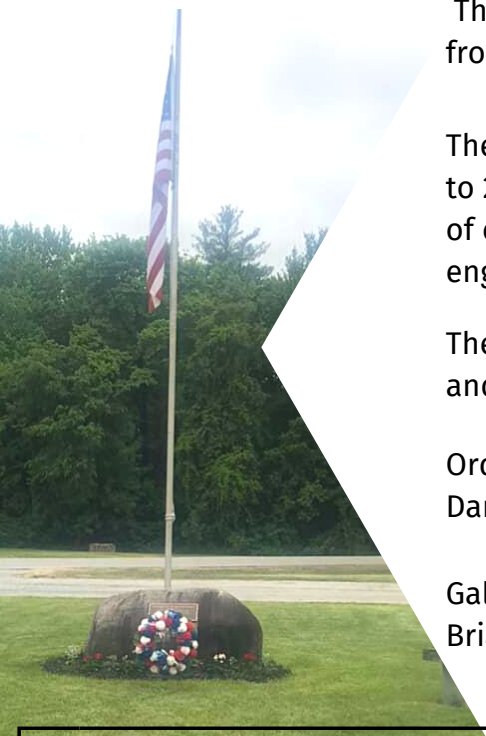
- It's BACK! Halloween in the Town Park on Saturday, October 30th, from 1-4pm. We will be reaching out to all our civic groups as well as area businesses to invite all to attend.
- We will be scheduling budget workshops for September and October to help us compile the Town budget for 2022.
- We have held public hearings to collect input on the Cannabis Law. Thoughts and concerns will be addressed at the October and November Town Board meetings. If you have an opinion on this topic, please feel free to email me your thoughts.
- We have launched the new Town website, and I personally feel it's much more user-friendly. I invite you to check it out.
- I continue to use the Town of Galway Facebook page to provide information on upcoming events, meetings, and public hearings; please like the page to receive all updates.
- The MRB Group has completed the Senior Housing study and will be presenting it to the Galway Seniors at an upcoming meeting, check-in with Dan or Lizzie for specifics.
- I continue to request anyone who is still living in the Town and you do not have access to the internet to please contact me as I am hoping that between the Town, County, and Spectrum, we can figure out a way to fill in the remaining open areas.
- Lastly, the Galway Veterans Committee is still working on the new Veterans Memorial at Town Hall. See the Veterans page in this newsletter.

I welcome anyone to attend Town Board meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Town Hall. If you wish to get involved in Town government, please feel free to reach out; we are currently looking to fill a vacancy on the Town Planning Board. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Our next newsletter will be published at year-end. Please send me any articles by December 15th, 2021.

Honoring our Veterans



In honor of our Veterans, the Galway Veterans Committee is constructing a Veterans' Memorial Park where family, friends, and town residents can honor our Veterans who have served and sacrificed in all branches of the United States Military.



The park will be built by the revenue from a buy a brick fundraiser and a grant from the Saratoga County Veterans- Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

The bricks are 8x8 and cost \$100. Lettering and spacing are included, can be up to 20 spaces, that is, 5 to 6 lines based on if clipart is incorporated. One choice of clipart is included. Choices will be provided for selection. Benches with an engraved bronze plaque are also available.

The park will be in front of the Galway Town Hall around the existing flagpole and memorial stone.

Order forms for purchasing bricks are located at the Galway Town Hall or contact Darby at (518) 858-3986 or Liz at (518) 882-9153.

Galway Veterans Committee members: Darby Neahr, Frank Santoro, Liz Fuelner, Brian Sherman, Dan Szabo, Dorothy Sherman, and Michael Smith

Attention all Military Veterans

The Galway American Legion Post 1461 will be holding its meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Galway Town Hall at 7pm. The next meeting will be on October 18th. Refreshments will be served.

Grant Deadline Set for November

The Dockstader Charitable Trust announces a November 1 deadline for filing grant applications for projects that benefit Galway Central School District residents. Not-for-profit organizations may apply. To receive more information or request a grant application form, contact Julie Roy at 882-9101. Applications are available at the Galway Public Library and on the library and school websites. Funds for the trust were provided in the wills of Galway Village residents Clayton R. Dockstader and his wife, Katherine Flickinger Dockstader.

The Town recreation fields, located on Rt. 147, just south of the village, were made possible through generous grants from the Dockstader Trust. The complex features soccer, baseball, and softball fields, a stone perimeter path for walking, and a pavilion with picnic tables.



Galway Youth Commission News

By Donna Sowle

Galway Youth Commission Chairman

Galway Youth Commission Karate Club

The Karate Club is currently virtual and continues to work with a couple of students at a time outdoors. For further information, contact Chris Malley by email shinanchris@gemakarate.com or at 518-727-0385.

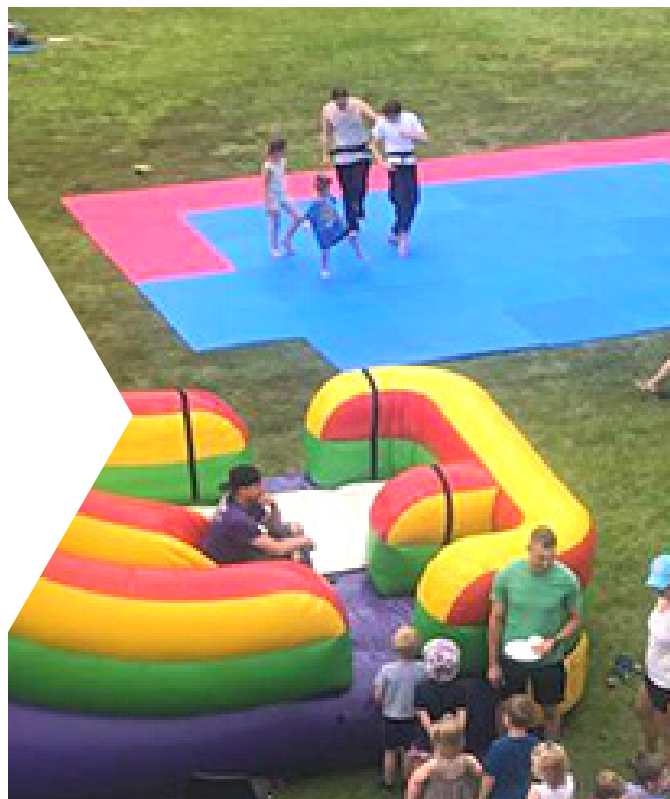


Galway Youth Commission Recreation Soccer Program

The Spring Soccer Program had a great season with 90 youth Pre-K thru 6th grade at the Dockstader Field. The Galway Youth Commission Fall Recreation Soccer Program will be held in September thru October Pre-K thru 6, the grade at the Dockstader Field. The fields are located on Sacandaga Road across from the Ballston Spa National Bank, known as the Town of Galway Dockstader Fields. For further information, contact coordinator – Coach Samantha Price at 518-866-4360.

Family Fun Day 2021

Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, June 19th, at the Town of Galway Dockstader Recreation Field. We had a great turnout with great space to spread out. Our community organizations handed out safety information. We had games with small prizes, demonstrations, raffle tickets for our youth to participate in, a drawing for larger prizes, ice cream from Stewarts Shops, vendors sharing fun things for all to enjoy, and much more! We also had beverages for free and food for a minimal cost from C&R and Cock 'n Bull. Many volunteers helped, including Galway PTSA, Hagaman Safety Smoke House, Galway Fire Volunteers, Galway Small School Bus, EMS, and more. We had DJ Small Town Sound, Pony Rides, and a couple of small farm animals. A special “Thank You” to everyone that made the day special!



All Galway Youth Commission Programs are free of charge for youth in the Town of Galway, the Village of Galway, and the towns that participate in our Youth Commission Programs in our school district. There is a one-time charge of \$15.00 per activity for school district towns that do not pay annually. The fee is waived for those who cannot pay.

A special Thank You to all our community volunteers who contribute their time and serve our youth! Your service is greatly appreciated. A special Thank You 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.

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

Library Corner

The Summer Reading Program at the Galway Public Library was a great success, with 135 children and teens registered, thousands of minutes of reading time logged, and many fun programs for the kids to attend. Under the Youth menu tab, you can view photos on the Children's Gallery on our website, www.galwaypubliclibrary.org.

Galway Public Library

SCIENCE SATURDAY!

Join us for a day of learning about all things science! Meet a real scientist via skype, conduct your own experiments and complete a QR code scientist scavenger hunt to win prizes!

SEPTEMBER 18TH FROM 11-1

We will be joined by Dr. Mallory Jean Feldman, a psychologist and neuroscientist at 11:15 via Skype from the library. Dr. Feldman has asked that participants watch the following video through the 9 minute and 45 second mark: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tn9z1PngYA&t=589s>

and email questions in advance. You can send your questions to jpasieka@sals.edu.



There is still a lot going on at the library, even with the Summer Reading Program completed. We are especially excited to offer Science Saturday on Sept. 18 from 11:00 to 1:00, an Open House with hands-on experiments and a chance to learn about famous scientists.

Our regular monthly programs include Baby Story Time and Preschool Story Time every Tuesday, and Afternoon Math and Science Discovery Story Time on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Crafternoon, Nature Club, and Tech Club meet regularly. We have a variety of exciting new programs for our teens each month.

Tech Assistance is available every Wednesday evening from 4:00 to 8:00 and on 3rd Saturdays. You can make an appointment or drop in for help. Don't forget our two book discussion groups, the Writers' Group, Photography Club, and Sarah's Adult Arts and Crafts classes. There are also two gaming opportunities for older teens and young adults held each month – board games at the library and video online gaming held in a secure "room."

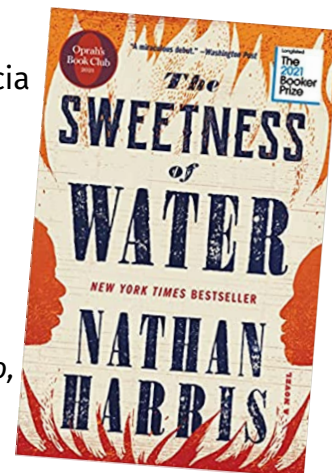
You can find updates on our protocols and details of all our programs on our website. Please be sure to register for any program or class you or your child wish to attend. (518-882-6385 or email gal-director@sals.edu) As a reminder: social distancing and mask-wearing are required of everyone in the library.

Did you know? The library would like to encourage local artists and writers to take advantage of a great opportunity we offer. We are seeking applicants for the Story Quilt ARTS AND LITERARY FUND Grant. Proceeds from the Story Quilt: Poems of a Place book are available to artists and writers who want to present programs or projects at the library or elsewhere in the Galway Central School District. Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Both emerging and established artists may apply. Projects or programs may be suitable for children, adults, or all ages, and must be of benefit to the community served by the Galway Public Library. For more information, please contact the library – 518-882-6385.

Here's a small sampling of some of the many books new to the library in September:
YA Fiction: *It Ends in Fire* by Andrew Shvarts; *A Sitting in St. James* by Rita Williams-Garcia

Adult Non-fiction: *Mercury Rising* by Jeff Sheso; *Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie* by Lisa Napoli; *The Appalachian Trail* by Philip D'Anier; *Phosphorescence* by Julia Baird; *Dusk, Night, Dawn* by Anne Lamott; *Little and Often* by Trent Preszler; *Playlist for the Apocalypse* poems by Rita Dove.

Adult Fiction: *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Susan Wiggs; *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris; *Not a Happy Family* by Shari Lapena; *Dream Girl* by Laura Lippman; *One, Two, Three* by Laurie Frankel; *Dear Miss Metropolitan* by Carolyn Ferrell; *Such a Quiet Place* by Megan Miranda



Galway Seniors

Monthly Speakers and Business Meetings

Galway Seniors meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the Galway Town Hall. If you are 55 and older, you are welcome to stop by our meetings. You must be vaccinated with proof.

Events for the remainder of 2021

- October 7- Maggie Fronk Guest Speaker; Domestic Violence in the older population.
- October 21- Annual Auction and Ice Cream Social with a surprise volunteer auctioneer.
- November 4th- Business Meeting
- November 18th- Speaker Katherine Keary, Alzheimer's Association. Topic-10 warning signs.
- December 9th- Annual Christmas Party at the Raindancer, Amsterdam, NY
- Starting Sept 13, every Monday at 11am, Chair Yoga will be offered at \$3/pp for a 1 hr class. All attendees must be vaccinated, and proof will be required.



2021 Senior Trips

- September 22- Riverview Inn Jeff "Elvis" Krick- Lunch and Entertainment Cost \$50
- September 29- Freisian of Majesty (beautiful horse show) and then dinner at the New England House on your own. Cost \$27
- October 14th- Wine Tasting Trip- Galway Rock Winery, Springbrook Hollow Distillery, and Adirondack Winery and then dinner at the Adirondack Pub and Brewery on your own!! Cost \$37
- November 1st- Chesterwood Museum, Yankee Candle, and Lunch at the Red Lion Inn on your own. Cost \$25
- December 10th- A Nashville Christmas at the Log Cabin (Lunch and entertainment) on the way home we will stop at the Holyoke Mall, then we will be seeing the Christmas Lights in Washington Park.



For more info Call Ruth Lee at 518-883-5062 or ralmustang12074@gmail.com

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Calling ALL Town of Galway Businesses!!!!



One thing the Town of Galway is proud of is its business community. In an effort to increase tourism, traffic to these businesses, and revitalize our Town, we have identified the need to create a Town of Galway Business Directory! Support for our Town businesses is needed now more than ever.

You're Invited!

- Brick & Mortar Business
- Business from Out-of-the-Home
 - Operated from Home
 - On the Road
- Agribusiness
- Side Hustle



Our goal is to have the directory available in both print and digital form. Over the next few months, we'll be posting and sending out additional information about this effort. Keep your eyes open!!!

Meet the Editor

For numerous years, Pam Hargrave has done a wonderful job editing & compiling our Town's newsletter. Thank you, Pam!!!

Please give a warm welcome to Sharon Holbrook-Ryan, who has "taken the baton" from Pam. Sharon is a Galway graduate and looks forward to assisting the Town and its residents in their outreach efforts!



If you haven't had the opportunity to check out the Town's Facebook page, please do so.

The page was originally set up during the height of COVID to relay timely and important information.

The page will continue to be used to relay vital Town information but will also be used for economic revitalization purposes.



THE TOWN OF GALWAY INVITES YOU!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 1-4PM

DOCKSTADER TOWN PARK

Come join us for a fun Halloween in a safe, family-friendly environment. Enjoy a stroll around the park as you and the kiddos gather candy from Galway civic groups and area businesses on our **Trick or Treat Trail**.

Featuring:

Costume Contest

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Trick or Treat Trail

Any questions please call the Town Hall
at (518) 882-6070.

Event sponsored by the Town of Galway Youth Commission



TRICK OR TREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST



Calling all kiddos! Tap into your "Halloween Spirit" and get ready to create a mischievous masterpiece!

We want to see YOUR pumpkin carved, painted, Mod Podged or Bedazzled!

Please bring your Halloween masterpiece, along with the below form, when you attend Halloween in the Park on Saturday, October 30 from 1-4pm.

Prizes for best pumpkin sponsored by the Galway Senior Citizens Club! Winners will be notified at end of the event.



Name: _____

Age: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Describe your pumpkin:

Please leave this area blank.