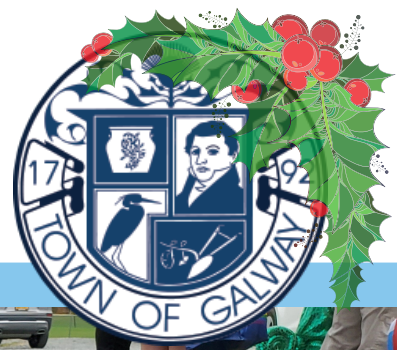


GALWAY READER

Winter 2021- Town of Galway Newsletter



Friends enjoying the Town's 2nd Annual Halloween in the Park.



From the Supervisors Desk

By Mike Smith

Fellow Galway Residents,

The Fall of 2021 has been very busy around Town! Our 2nd Annual Halloween in the Park was the resounding highlight, hosted by over 35 Galway businesses and community groups. Approximately 500 area youth trick or treated along with their parents and grandparents. The weather held off long enough to allow everyone to collect a bucket full of candy and watch, special guests, the Wandering Witches entertain the crowd. It looks like this will be a yearly activity and put smiles on many faces!

At the beginning of October, unexpectedly, the Galway Town Clerk Margaret Defoe and her Deputy Clerk resigned. As I've come to know our town, we came together. The town board and I met and discussed options; subsequently, we felt that it was vital to town residents that they had access to community business, and we reopened Town Hall and began the process of hiring a new Town Clerk. On October 23, the Board held a special meeting and appointed Colleen Forneris as Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Brian Crowe as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector.

I want to express my deep appreciation to both Colleen and Brian for stepping up to accept these positions, helping the Town open, and serving Galway's residents. I also want to thank Sue Wemple, the Providence Town Clerk, for her assistance with Colleen's transition and the town clerks in Charlton, Wilton, and Milton for their support. A special thank you to Pam Hargrave Wright for standing in as the recording secretary for our October meeting!

The pandemic has been particularly difficult for our elderly population. Thankfully, we have seen many of our senior programs begin again over the last few months, and people are getting back out. Recently, through the Office of the Aging, the county-wide Senior Meal program restarted, and we have begun hosting senior luncheons again at Town Hall. Every day, at noon, seniors over 55 can pre-register and enjoy a hot-cooked meal and some friendly conversation. Don't hesitate to contact Town Hall if you wish to attend.

Over the last year, we have allowed many more civic and youth groups to utilize Town Hall and the Town Park pavilion. We currently have an online usage form that must be completed, returned to Mrs. Forneris, and will be scheduled and confirmed through her. We cannot always guarantee use but will try to accommodate all requests.

From the Supervisors Desk-Continued on next page

From the Supervisors Desk-Continued

Lastly, we have some exciting news for snowmobilers! The Town of Galway and the Galway Trailblazers have created an economic partnership opportunity for winter weather lovers. The Dockstader Field parking lot will now be open as a trailhead parking area for the Galway Club. The Trailblazers have erected about 2500 feet of snow fence, forming a snowmobile path around the town park that feeds into the Galway Club trail system. This is an excellent location for adventurers to park and enjoy all of the great trails and scenic views the system offers and local Galway restaurants located on the trail- The Cock N Bull and The Village Pizzeria.

It has been a busy year, and I want to thank all my fellow residents for re-electing me and giving me another four years to lead this great Town! I continue to advocate for expanded broadband and cable services throughout the Town. We have made some headway, but there are still residents without services that are vital in today's world.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holiday Season!!

Best Wishes to all in 2022.

Mike

Tax Tips!

As we enter tax season, here are some helpful tips and guidelines:

There are several ways to pay your tax bill:

- In-person (please refer to the office hours)
- Online payments. These can be made by debit/credit card/e-check. Go to "townofgalwayny.org." Click on Departments/Tax Collector/Links/Town & County/Tax Bills

Please be aware that credit card/debit cards are subject to a service fee.

In addition to the above information, please note the following details:

- Beginning February 1st, there is a 1% penalty for payment.
- Starting March 1st, there is a 2% penalty, plus an additional \$1.00.
- March 31st is the last day payment can be accepted for 2022 Town & County Taxes. After this date, Saratoga County Treasurer's Office will need to be contacted at (518) 884-4724.

Please be certain that your correct contact number is listed on your check.

If your address has changed, you have received a bill for property that you no longer own, or you have paid off your escrow, please let us know as soon as possible to make the appropriate adjustments.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Town Hall at the above number.

Town of Galway Tax Collector
cforneris@townofgalwayny.org
(518) 882-6070 ext. 10
5910 Sacandaga Road
Galway, NY 12074

Office Hours:
CLOSED Mondays
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30-5:00
Thursday 9:30-7
Friday 9:30-2:30

Building Inspector/ Zoning Enforcement

I want to take the time to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. I hope it was enjoyable for everyone. I want to touch on a couple of things in this edition of the Galway Reader.

First, Pre-fab Sheds. New York State Building Code and Town Code recognize any structure over 144 sq. ft. requires a building permit. This includes Pre-fab sheds and or garages. They also need to follow our zoning laws regarding setbacks. Please get in touch with this office before placing any pre-fab structure.

Second, Effective January 1st, all plans submitted for a building permit must be 11" x 17" Single-sided. Plans of this size take up much less space when filing and allows us to scan them in-house. This is one more step in reducing the paper usage of this office. Commercial Plans and Surveys are exempt from this.

Third, By the time you read this article, we will be well into the heating season, the most common time of year to have a house fire or a carbon monoxide issue. Make sure your smoke and CO detectors are in working order. Have an emergency plan with your family and practice it. Have a meeting place. Keep warm clothes close to the exit points of your house and your car keys where you can find them in an emergency. A fire or CO alarm in the middle of the night when it's below zero out is not the time to develop an emergency plan.

Finally, we try to move building permits through our process as quickly as possible, and we do get behind but do our best. Please, plan for your permit, and make sure your application is complete when submitted. If you have questions when filling out an application, please contact me by phone or email.



Treavor Gilday
Building Inspector/Zoning
Enforcement Official
518-514-8012
tgilday@townofgalwayny.org

News from the Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office is entering its busiest season – exemption administration! Exemption renewal forms have been mailed, and my office must receive all exemption applications by March 1, 2022.

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). To be eligible for this exemption, you must be 65 years of age – sometime in 2022 or earlier, and your adjusted gross income cannot be more than \$92,000 for 2020.

Senior exemptions are available to anyone turning 65 in 2022 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 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Thursdays. Please note that this is a change of hours for this office. I may also be reached at my dedicated Assessor cell phone (518) 902-3309. If you leave a message, please indicate that you are calling about the Town of Galway and the property's address you have questions about. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Vicki Hayner, Assessor

Halloween in the Park

The 2nd Annual Halloween in the Park was a resounding success! Thank you to the Galway area businesses, community, and school groups that contributed to this event.

Again, this year, the Galway Youth Commission sponsored a Halloween Costume contest. There were so many creative and festive costumes that it was difficult to name the winners!

2021 Costume Contest Winners

Best costume - The Moon/Luca Liroi



**Scariest – Clowns
Vann & Maverick Sowle**



Best Group #1 -Mario Family



Best Group #2 – Superheroes



Most Creative- Tractor



Cutest- Wolf and Pig



Galway Youth Commission News

By Donna Sowle

Galway Youth Commission Chairman

Karate Club

The Karate Club classes started on Tuesday, November 30 and will continue holding classes on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7pm in the Galway Central School Middle School Gym. For further information, contact instructor Chris Malley by email shihanchris@gemskarate.com or at (518) 727-0385.

Recreation Soccer Program

The Galway Youth Commission Fall Soccer Program was held for Pre-K through 6th Grade youth from September 11 through October 16 at the Dockstader Fields. We had over 100 youth participate in our soccer program this fall. A special thank you to our coordinator, Coach Samantha Price, Chris Malley, and our many volunteers. Thank you all for sharing your time for our youth!

Recreation Basketball Program

Boys and Girls in grades 3 through 6 participate in the Galway Youth Commission Basketball program at the Galway High School gym on Saturdays. The program started on November 6 and runs until December 18. Contact Coach Dan Anderson at (518) 605-8127 or colineva3220@gmail.com.

Grades 1 and 2 are held at the elementary gym on Saturdays and continue until February 12.

Junior Rifle Club

Junior Rifle Club will be held at the Galway Fish and Game Club on Wednesdays for youth 12 years old and older. For further information, please contact Kyle Donnan at (518) 813-8024.

Ski for FREE for a Day at Royal Mountain

The Galway Youth Commission will purchase ski passes to Royal Mountain in Caroga Lake. There will be 70-80 tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The pass also comes with free equipment rental, if needed. Ski passes will be available at Town Hall.

Watch for further information at the town hall and on the Town's Facebook page.

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.



We are excited to announce the addition of new STEAM programs beginning in early 2022.

- eSports Gaming Events - Competitive Game Playing through match play & team competition on Nintendo Switch & Playstation systems. (Ages: Middle school & up.)
- Vex Robotics - Build a high-end working robot as part of a team. (Ages: Middle school & up.)
- Planetarium Adventure - Star Stories held inside a portable planetarium. All ages!

We have monthly programs suitable for a variety of ages and interests:

- Young Adults - Board Gaming at the library, Young Professionals Book Discussion, and Online Games.
- Teens - a monthly Hangout with a movie and craft. (Our special teen events have included Murder Mystery game night, pizza, Escape Room, and more).
- Adults -Writers' Group, When Readers Meet book discussions, Sarah's Arts and Crafts classes, and our new Stress Reduction Program: Finding Freedom from Anxiety, Worry and Fear with licensed psychotherapist Lisa Temoshok, which focusses on simple, creative, evidence-based tools and practices to apply to daily life.
- Children - Raising Readers Story Time, Afternoon Math and Science Discovery Story Time, Crafternoon, Nature Club, Tech Club and a Deconstruction program
- All ages - Photography Club, a safe, relaxed, and friendly atmosphere for photographers of all levels of ability to gather, share experiences and learn how to improve their technical and artistic skills. In the next few months, we will offer instruction in subjects such as photo editing, composition, and camera controls. Periodically we invite local photographers to share images from their portfolios and talk about their work. We also set aside time during each meeting to view photographs from members of the group who have submitted for the group's photo challenges. For more information contact: Dave Waite, davewaitefinearts@gmail.com

Tech Assistance - Wednesdays 4:00 to 8:00 & 3rd Saturdays. Make an appointment or drop-in

Please register to attend programs (518) 882-6385 or email gal-director@sals.edu). Masks are still required in order to continue to keep our patrons and community safe. Subscribe to our weekly and monthly email newsletters (sign up at the library or use the form on the website – www.galwaypubliclibrary.org) for updates and details about all our programs. Subscribe to the biweekly Galway Get Together for community news and events!



2112 East St. Galway, N.Y. 12074
518-882-6385

Did you know?

- Our conference and program rooms are available for use by non-profits or community events. Reserve a room: Call the library or use our online form – see the website for details.
- We have an online Children's Gallery of photos from previous programs.
- Artists are invited to sign up to show their work in the library as Featured Artist of the Month.
- Artists & writers are encouraged to apply to the Story Quilt Arts and Literary Fund Grant.
- A sampling of New Adult Fiction is featured on our website. Our newest DVDs include: Free Guy, Joe Bell, Jungle Cruise, Mare of Easttown, Paw Patrol: The Movie, Respect, Snake Eyes, Stillwater, Suicide Squad.

For more information, please contact the library at (518) 882-6385 – or better yet, stop in to look around and see all that we offer our community. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Galway Emergency Medical Services



2021 Happenings

This year we were able to refurbish our sign and redo the plantings around the sign with the donations of several community members. Their generosity and support are very much appreciated.

Thank you to the many community organizations who support us each year with their donations. We appreciate your support.

Thank you once again to the Dockstader Charitable Trust for the gift of a new ambulance, two electric cots, and a new lift system for the cots.

The Glenville Hills Garden Club continues to maintain the gardens around our building which look wonderful. Thank you very much.

We would like to thank Galway Volunteer Fire Company, Harmony Corners Fire Department, West Charlton Volunteer Fire Department, Charlton Volunteer Fire Department, and Providence Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance in 2021.

As of December 8, 2021, we have responded to 562 911 calls, which is the highest call volume yet.

Important Reminders

- With snow coming, please check your 911 house number to ensure it can be seen from the road when traveling in both directions.
- If you call 911 and your driveway is not plowed, please tell the 911 dispatcher.
- We are a designated warming station when there is a power outage.
- Remember to dress in layers of clothing if going outside in the winter.
- You must wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth if you enter the station.
- Please put a copy of your medication list, Living Will, DNR, or Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (in a plastic bag) inside your kitchen freezer door.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



If you haven't had the opportunity to check out the Town's Facebook page, please do so. The page was initially set up during the height of COVID to relay timely and vital information.



The page will continue to be used to relay essential Town information and economic revitalization purposes.

New Snowmobile Trail Access

Good news!

The Galway Trailmasters Snowmobile Club has been given the privilege to use the Dockstader Recreational Fields parking lot. It will be open to snowmobilers to park and unload. Access to the trails is from the back of the lot by the pavilion.

The use of this lot is contingent on responsible use by the snowmobile community. The lot and the trail are well marked. Snowmobiles must not ride on fields or any area not within the snow fence. Do not litter. If people misuse this privilege, we will lose it. We cannot stress strongly enough how essential snowmobilers are to act responsibly. The continued availability of this huge parking lot is up to every individual who uses it. Thank you very much for being so cooperative.

Barb McKean, Club Secretary



Supporting our Schools!



Galway PTSA would like to thank everyone for their support this year. We all know how difficult it's been with COVID cancellations and restrictions. PTSA has made every effort to continue supporting our students and providing fun activities even when going virtual. Since September, we have been back in school on a limited basis.

We were thrilled to have the Fall Book Fair and were overwhelmed by the support for our coin drive to buy books for Elementary homerooms.

Much of our work is still virtual. We haven't been able to run our family events yet, but as soon as that's possible, we will be ready to celebrate with you.



Instead, we have participated in community events, such as the Trick or Treat Trail. We've also partnered with the Galway Public Library to offer crafts and creative activities for all Galway children.

Everything we do is supported by donations from our community. All the work is undertaken by volunteers. We love being part of the Galway community and look forward to advocating for our students in 2022.

Galway PTSA

Galway Seniors

Monthly Speakers and Business Meetings

Galway Seniors meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 1pm 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.

2022 Meeting Schedule

January

6th- Business Meeting with guest speaker Galway Tax Assessor Vicky Hayner

20th- Guest Speaker Assemblywomen Marybeth Walsh

February

3rd- Business Meeting

17th- Guest Speaker Clarice Nichols/Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator-*Rebuild Saratoga & Reshop for the Good*

March

3rd- Business Meeting

17th- Guest Speaker Paul Perault Malta Historian- Topic *President Grants Visit to Saratoga*

April

7th- Business Meeting

21st- Guest Speaker Sandra Cross/Director/Saratoga County Office for the Aging- *Services Offered*

May

5th- Business Meeting

19th- Guest Speaker Phil DiSorbo/Senior Life Transition Program Manager/Saratoga Senior Center- *Palliative Care*

June

2nd- Business Meeting

16th- **Annual Picnic @ American Legion Hall**

July

7th- Guest Speakers Ramon & Maria Rodriguez/Home Helpers Senior Care

21st- Guest Speaker State Senator James Tedisco- Topic *Protect Yourself from Identity Theft & Other Senior Issues*

August

4th- Business Meeting

18th- **Annual Auction & Ice Cream Social**

September

1st- Business Meeting

15th- Guest Speaker Ginny Stoliker- Topic *Homeless & Code Blue in Saratoga County*

October

6th- Business Meeting

20th- Guest Speaker Patrick Herring Saratoga County for the Aging- Topic *Medicare*

November

3rd- Business Meeting

17th- Guest Speakers Mike Smith/Town Supervisor, David Costanzo/Highway Supervisor & Trevor Gilday/Building Inspector

December

1st- Business Meeting

15th- **Annual Christmas Party**

Gather & Dine!



Galway Senior's News Continued

All area seniors are warmly invited to join us for our Gather & Dine program.

Daily, nutritious meals are offered to seniors within our community. This time is more than just an opportunity to have something to eat; you're welcome to relax and have a conversation.

Gather & Dine provides you with a safe and comforting environment. Chat with your neighbor, meet someone new, play a hand of cards, or a board game with friends.

All meals are \$2. If you are unable to pay, that's ok! This program is a service of the Saratoga County Office for the Aging.

Meals are served from 11:45am-12:45pm at the Galway Town Hall.

Please see January's menu included in this newsletter.

Any questions or would like a hot, home-delivered meal? Call (518) 363-4020 or the Galway Town Hall at (518) 882-6070.



Honoring our Veterans

Bricks for Galway's Veterans' Memorial Park are STILL available! These bricks make a unique and meaningful present to those that served or are serving. This is a wonderful way to honor/memorialize friends, family, and neighbors who served and sacrificed in all branches of the United States Military.







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. Options will be provided. Benches with an engraved bronze plaque are also available.

The first laying of the bricks will occur in the springtime. If you want to be in the first round, please submit your form by January 2, 2022.

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

The Veteran's Memorial Park will be in front of the Galway Town Hall around the existing flagpole and memorial stone.

Gather & Dine- January 2022 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Fish Florentine over Brown Rice California Blend Vegetables Yellow Squash Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	4 Whole Wheat Pasta w/Meatballs Mixed Vegetables Spinach Parmesan Cheese Applesauce	5 Five Spice Chicken Mashed Sweet Potato Beets WW Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	6 Turkey W/Gravy over Stuffing Broccoli Butternut Squash Peaches	7 New Year's Special Meat & Cheese Lasagna Peas & Onions Italian Blend Vegetables WW Dinner Roll Frosted Confetti Cake 
10 Chili Spinach Key Biscayne Vegetables Cornbread Fruit Cocktail	11 Baked Chicken w/Gravy Cubed Sweet Potato Vegetable Trio WW Dinner Roll SF Chocolate Cookie	12 Roast Pork w/Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Carrots WW Dinner Roll Applesauce	13 Italian Stew Brown Rice Green Beans SF Pudding	14 Veggie Breakfast Sausage French Toast Strata w/SF Syrup Home fries Pears Orange Juice
17 CLOSED 	18 Baked Fish w/Tarragon Sauce Oven Browned Potato Mixed Vegetables Yogurt	19 Hot Turkey Sandwich Butternut Squash Broccoli Fruit Cocktail	20 Chicken Divan over Brown Rice Peas Carrots Pears	21 Roast Beef w/Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Trio Corn Applesauce
24 Chicken w/Orange Glaze Sauce over Brown Rice Capri Vegetables Spinach WW Dinner Roll Pineapple	25 Sloppy Joe Pasta Bake Peas Cauliflower Cornbread Yogurt	26 Birthday Special Hearty Beef Vegetable Soup Brussels Sprouts Yellow Squash WW Dinner Roll Oyster Crackers Frosted Cake 	27 Fiesta Meatloaf Red Bliss Potatoes Mexican Corn Mandarin Oranges	28 Breaded Fish on Whole Wheat Bun Tartar Sauce Home Fries Peas & Carrots Banana
31 Baked Fish w/Picatta Sauce Over Brown Rice Key Biscayne Vegetables Brussels Sprouts WW Dinner Roll Peaches				

Menu Subject To Change Coffee, Tea and Butter are served daily at sites. The suggested contribution is \$2 per meal. There is a \$8 fee for guests under the age of 60. Please make checks payable to: **Saratoga County Treasurer, c/o Saratoga County Office for the Aging, 152 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

Celebrating our Volleyball Champs!



2021 NYS Class D Runners-Up & Section 2 Class D Champions

Meet the Team

Carolyn Bruchac- Junior
Sara Conti- Junior
Anna Dabrowski- Senior
Kylee Decker- Senior
Jayden DeVellis- Junior
Abby Ehrenberg - Junior
Sophia Fasolino- Junior
Kailey Jankowski- Junior
Amber Kolpakas- Sophomore
Elisa Muro- Senior
Jillian Neahr- Junior
Spencer Newsom- Junior
Grace O'Brien- Junior
Trishelle Oliver- Senior
Molly Oravsky- Junior
Julia Reedy- Senior
Lya Thomas- Senior
Sadie Underwood- Senior



Head Coach- Mike Glenn
Assistant Coaches- Neil Lamare and Megan Gawrys

2021 Team Highlights

1st Team All-Stars

Julia Reedy
Jayden DeVellis
Amber Kolpakas
Kylee Decker
Grace O'Brien

2nd Team All-Star

Trishelle Oliver

Honorable Mention

Anna Dabrowski
Sadie Underwood
Sophia Fasolino

Exceptional Seniors

Julia Reedy
Kylee Decker
Trishelle Oliver
Anna Dabrowski
Sadie Underwood

WAC Coaches Recognition Awards:

Overall MVP- Julia Reedy
Co-MVP Hitter- Julia Reedy
MVP Setter: Kylee Decker
Defensive Player of the Year- Jayden DeVellis

Meet Coach Glenn

- Has coached Girl's Varsity Volleyball Team for six years.
- Led the team to its 6th straight league title & 53 straight league game wins.
- Coached team to two straight Class D Section Titles & a Class C Section Title (2016).
- Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach for four years.
- Technology teacher at Galway Jr./Sr. High school for four years.
- Grew up in Galway on his family's beef farm- established in the late 1800s.
- Galway graduate, attended college at Western New England University & Northeastern University.

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Calling ALL Town of Galway Businesses!!!!



The Town of Galway has begun creating a 'Town of Galway Business Directory.' We want to ensure that local businesses are highlighted and supported through this effort.

We are currently working on compiling a comprehensive list of those who own/operate a business within our community.

Looking to include the following:

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



If you are interested in being listed in the Town of Galway Business Directory, please get in touch with Mike Smith at msmith@townofgalwayny.org or Sharon Holbrook-Ryan at galwayreader@townofgalwayny.org

The 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!!!

Happy Holidays

*from all of
us at the*

Town of Galway

*Wishing you all a
joyous and happy
holiday season!*

