

OUR TOWN

Galway Reader Summer-Winter 2023





The place we call home

The term "community" by definition refers to a group of people living in the same place, while having specific goals & interests in common. If we take that meaning & delve deeper, community ultimately gives us a sense of belonging. We make connections with one another, create opportunities, & build camaraderie. The beauty of our differences, thoughts, feelings on topics, is what makes us individuals while at the same time being part of this special space we share in our town. We have the chance daily to offer positive interactions with one another. Whether it is running into an old, or new acquaintance at the post office, seeing a friendly face while getting your morning cup of coffee, children & families gathering at Dockstader field. All of these moments are chances to create relationships & support one another. Our intention is to meet the needs & wants of all our residents, from youth to seniors. We are focused & driven to provide our Town with activiites, events, & opportunities which make families & individuals feel like a positive piece of the community. We want residents to be happy to call Galway their home, while creating a space out of towners seek to visit.

A Word from the Supervisor

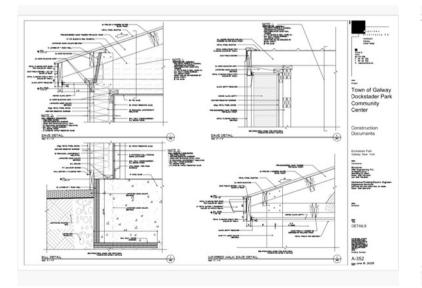
Recently, the words communication & transparency have become a common phrase in relationship to the Town. Transparency is the ""practice of sharing information amongst people of important matters internally & externally. "We will continue to move ahead with this in mind & do our best to share what information is available to us. The goal continues to be positive & meaningful communication. As always, please refer to our website, facebook page & the Town Hall is always a phone call away.

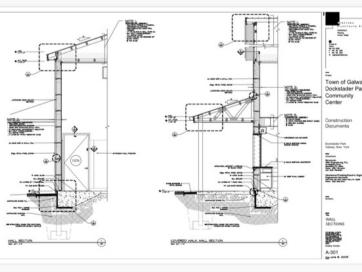
Proposed Galway Community Building

Within the last several years it has become increasingly apparent that our Town could greatly benefit from a common Community Building. Although other area facilities are generous in allowing individuals & organizations utilize their space, it is indeed limited space. The discussion of a Community Building informally began in 2020. Through the passing of time, this potential project remained on the back burner with information being gathered along the way. Fast forward to March of 2023, the Town was notified from Congressman Tonko's office that there was an opportunity to apply for a grant directed toward community improvements. The application for this grand was completed and submitted. In May of 2023, Galway Town Hall was notified from Congressman Tonko's office that our proposed Community Center Project was chosen for a grant of \$675,000. At this juncture, the grant has passed through appropriations sub committee and is scheduled for entire funding once the Federal budget is adopted. There will be further steps along the way to be fully transparent with the community regarding this potential gift.

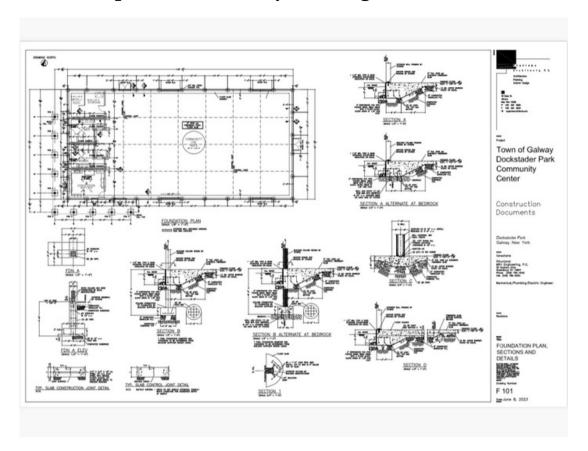


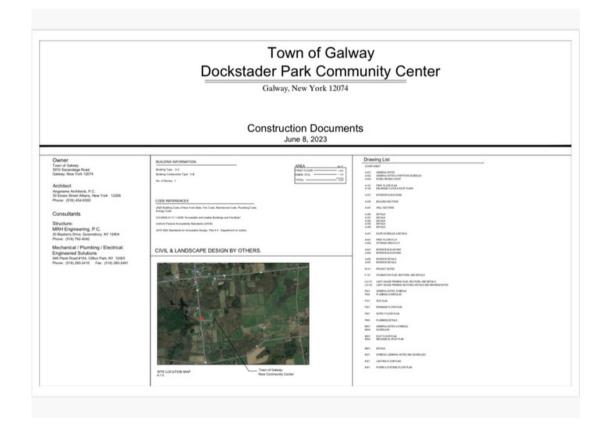




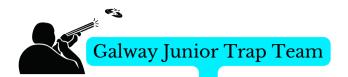


Proposed Community Building Continued





Kids Corner



The trap team is about to start the Fall season & registration is now open! Our core values are safety, fun and marksmanship in that order. Students must be 12 years old or older by September 9th, they must be a student at Galway Central School or homeschooled in the district. All equipment and ammunition is provided. Registration is \$35 per season, but financial aide is available to those who need it. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the team please contact Coach Heather Tillson at htillson@galwaycsd.org. If you are interested in donating, sponsoring or volunteering with the team please also feel free to contact Coach Tillson. Thank you.



Youth recreational soccer begins Saturday, September 9th and runs through Saturday, October 14.

- Grades 1-6 will be 9am-10:50
- Grades pre k/k will be 11:00-12
- 3rd-6th will be 5:30-6:30
- 1st & 2nd grade Wed 5:30-6:30



This is held at the Galway Fish & Game Club, Wednesdays from September through April. Open to all area youth ages 12 and up. Participants must complete the rifle safety program & attend a summary of the program with a parent/guardian. The entire season fee is \$25 for Galway residents & \$40 for non Galway residents. Please contact Coach Kyle Donnan at Farmerdonnan@gmail.com or 518-813-8024 for further information.



The **Karate Club** classes are held in the Galway Elementary School on Tuesdays &Thursdays at 7pm. For further information please contact Chris Malley at shihanchris@gemakarate.com or 518-727-0385.



The Galway Seniors are an active group which meets by monthly on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm at Galway Town Hall. One must be 55 and older to join the fun. Membership fees are only \$10 per year.

For further information please contact Lizzy Feulner at 518-882-9153.

Take a peak at the upcoming 2023 Senior trips

- August 23rd Raquette Lake Navigation Luncheon Cruise & Tour of Great Camp Sagamore
- September 6th Otesaga Resort Cooperstown Lunch Buffet, Glimmerglass Queen Boat Cruise & Fly Creek Cider Mill for Wine Tasting
- September 7th Ballston Spa Annual Picnic, \$4 pre purchase tickets through Galway Seniors. Event is 11-3, lunch served at noon.
- September 25th Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Vermont. Lunch & History Tour
- October 17th West Point Guided Tour & lunch at the Thayer Hotel
- December 7th Buddy Holly Show at Turning Stone
- December 13th Raindancer Christmas Party

Scheduled Meetings:

- August 17th Annual Auction & Ice cream Social
- September 8th Business Meeting
- September 21st Guest Speaker-Ann Coulter regarding the 1780 Middleline Raid
- October 5th Business Meeting
- October 19th Guest Speaker

Memory Cafe

In collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, this monthly program is dedicated to those with memory loss and their loved one/care giver. Trained staff and volunteers are able to provide educational tools, appropriate activities and entertainment. Registration is not required but appreciated, walk ins are welcome. This is held the last Friday of the month (unless otherwise stated) from 1-2:30pm at Galway Town Hall. For more information please contact Colleen at 518-441-0262.



Gather & Dine Program

The Galway Town Hall continues to be a meal site for Saratoga County. Monday through Friday from 11:45 until 12:45, a well balanced, fresh meal is served for our senior population. In order to participate, please register through Saratoga County Office of Aging & Youth at 518-884-4100.

Home Delivered Meals

This is another Saratoga County run program which we are happy to be able to offer. Well balanced meals are delivered to the receivers home Monday through Friday. Please contact the Office of Aging & Youth at 518-884-4100.



Galway Rotary

The Rotary is a great chance to meet your neighbors, & businesses to connect and collaborate. Several passions include working with the local food pantry, attending & supporting community events, participating with the Galway Backpack Program, & much more. To discover more about this meaningful organization, please visit the GalwayRotary.org, or email galwayrotaryny@gmail.com. The Rotary meets at 7pm the first Wednesday of the month at the Galway Town Hall.

Galway Backpack Program



Donations of nonperishables, canned meals, and individually packaged snacks are always appreciated and needed. This helps to keep the backpack program going strong and helping those in need. Please contact Nadine Depres at gmoonman65@aol.com



Galway Library

The Galway Public Library's Summer Reading Program with the theme of "All Together Now!" was a well-attended success! So many readers, logging in so many hours of reading. Check the library website www.galwaypubliclibrary.org to see details and photos of the programs. Thanks to all who participated and who made it happen!

Our regular monthly children's programs continue programs continue to offer opportunities for fun experiences with friends. We have Storytime, Crafternoon, Lego club, Pokemon Club, Nature Club, Tech Club, the Deconstruction program and E-Sports gaming. The Teen Advisory Board meets monthly to plan and host a variety of programs for teens and children. Participating in the TAB allows teens to earn volunteer hours, build their resume, and enjoy time with friends.

Adults have the opportunity to play Mahjongg, share favorite poems with other poetry lovers, join the Photography Club or attend our two book discussion groups. Our Writer's Group has grown so that we now meet in 2 sessions, one for writers of poetry/short pieces, and the other for those who write fiction/ longer works. Adults are also welcome to attend the meetings of the Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees.

This fall the library is pleased to offer several adult programs:

- *Tea & Talk* meets on 9/15 at 3:00. Anne Clothier, Director of Education at Saratoga County History Center, Brookside Museum, will present *Behind the Seams*, a history of quilting.
- Tim LaFave offers a free series of *Painting Fast & Loose* with oils and acrylics on 9/28, 10/5, & 10/12 from 6-7:30. Participants will need to bring their own supplies.
- We have an *Author Talk* by Andrew Valenza about his sci-fi book *Empire of the Void*, on 9/30 at 11:00.
- On 10/4 at 6:30, Sue Dufel is presenting a talk and slide show about Kay Dockstader's art
- And, during the month of October, the library will again be joining in the *Great Community Give Back*. Stay tuned for more details about how you can participate and do something kind for someone else in our community.

Your library card allows you to check out books (of course), use the public computers, and to access our new service, hoopla, to download movies, ebooks, magazines, and music. Information and details about all our programs may be found on our website, www.galwaypubliclibrary.org. You can download our calendar brochure to see dates and times for everything that's happening at the library each month. You may also sign up to receive our newsletters in your email inbox.

Registration for all programs is appreciated: call 518-882-6385 or, even better, visit the library!

Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services

Annual Senior Picnic

Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds

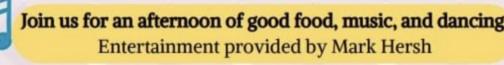
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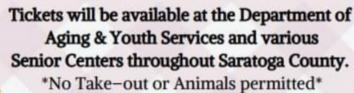
Lunch will be served at Noon

\$4.00 Advance Meal Ticket is Required

Rain or Shine

Tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis.







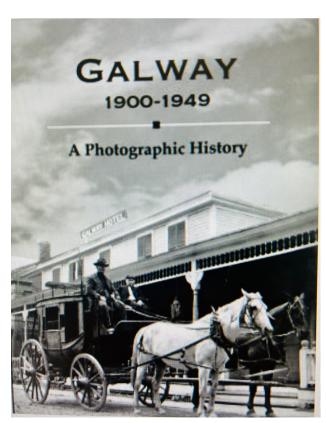
Call 518-884-4100 for more information!



Revolutionary By Nature



Galway Preservation Society is your local organization that promotes and encourages the awareness and preservation of the history of the Town of Galway. Monthly meetings are held from September through June featuring presentations of local historical interest or preservation. Help preserve and support our local history today and for future generations by joining the Preservation Society. Household memberships are just \$10.00 per year. Check out our website for more information about our activities and membership as well as our beautiful book, pictured below, "Galway 1900-1949" at galwaypreservationsociety.org. The photographic history of Galway 1900-1949 containing over 300 photographs, history and anecdotes was researched, written and designed by Galway Preservation Society members over a 15 year time span and can be ordered through a form on our website.



History of Labor Day By Aiden O'Beirne



Although we all have different lives, and backgrounds we all have one thing in common we're all working class.

That means we all have jobs and we all work hard and I can guarantee many of us feel unappreciated, but what if I told you there is one day a year set aside to honor the common worker. That day is Labor Day.

Labor Day itself has roots as far back as the 1800's. Back then it was a time called the Industrial Revolution. The Industrial Revolution was a time of transition when goods went from being made by hand to being made by machine. During this time the average American worker worked 12 hours a day seven days a week just to basically survive. Even some children were put to work earning a mere fraction of what adults did. Immigrants faced extremely unsafe working conditions with poisoned air and unsanitary conditions with little to no breaks.

As time went on and manufacturing became more prominent Labor Unions which first appeared in the late 18th century grew upset with all the bad working conditions, poor pay and bad hours. Organized strikes were formed and rallies began. One of the most infamous rallies is the Haymaker Riot of 1886 in which both policemen and workers were killed. Other forms of protest gave way to long standing traditions. On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from city hall to Union Square in NYC. This is considered the first Labor Day parade in U.S. History.

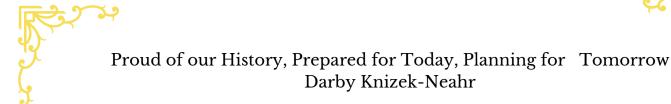
Eventually the idea of what was called the "workingmen's holiday" being celebrated on the first Monday of September caught on rather quickly. At first some states passed legislation to recognize it, some did not. It ws not until the Pullman Strike of 1894 led by Eugene V. Debs protested the wage cuts of the employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company and the ensuing proteset that led to the deaths of more than a dozen workers did the public start to take notice.

In attempt to repair ties with the American workers Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday on June 28, 1894. This was signed by Grover Cleveland.

To this day it remains a mystery who the true founder of Labor Day is. Some credit Peter J. McGuire cofounder of the American Federation of Labor. Some also believe that Matthew Maguire, a Secretary of the Central Labor Union first suggested the idea of the "workingmen's holiday."

To this day Labor Day is still a much anticipated holiday for a few reasons. One reason is thanks to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 which changed holidays like Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, and Columbus Day to always fall on a fixed Monday so people can have a 3 day weekend.

Another reason is it's a day for parades, picnics, BBQ, fireworks and just getting together with friends and family. The final reason is it signifies the end of summer and the start of the new school year. Which adults may look forward to, most kids not so much.



On August 26, 2023, the Galway Volunteer Fire Company are planning a 100-year anniversary celebration. The fire company's newest firehouse and advanced equipment has come a long way since the early days of the incorporation on February 8, 1923.

The first firehouse was once a wagon hub factory built around the 1850's and operated as a mill until the 1860's. This building was located on the West side of South Street. In 1885, the factory was bought by an undertaker and coffin maker, William and Nancy Avery. Around 1912, the old mill was used as a general store. Until Alfred T. Coseo bought the building in 1923 and opened Coseo's Texaco Gas Station and Auto Repair Shop. Coseo was one of the contributory's in founding the Galway Volunteer Fire Company. He served as the first Fire Company's Chief; the Village President and the Trustees appointed him in October of 1922. Coseo's Garage stored the limited fire equipment in the lower part of the garage. At this time, the equipment consisted of a ladder wagon that carried a soda-acid tank. The soda-acid principle is where the acid was added to soda and water, resulting in pressure directed stream of water on the fire. The equipment was purchased by Horace Carpentier and donated to the Village in 1918. During this time, the Presbyterian Church bell served as the method to alarm the volunteers of a fire. Funds were nonexistent to purchase new equipment, the Galway Volunteers held numerous fundraisers to buy a 1924 Model T Ford Truck that had two soda-acid tanks. The Model T Ford added more mobility and with two acid-soda tanks, one could be in use and the other could be charging. These same tanks were transferred to many other vehicles until 1946. In 1939, A.T. Coseo Inc. sold the property to Thomas and Helen Stangle who in turn in 1941, sold the property for \$1,950.00 to the Village of Galway.

The second firehouse was built around the 1940's, this building had two bays for the fire trucks, a meeting room, and a kitchen. The building was rented by the fire company from the Village for less than 20 years. During this time in 1946, a modern piece of equipment was purchased, a Sanford 500 GPM Pumper on a Ford chassis this truck accompanied a 1200- gallon tank truck. In 1953, the tank was transferred to a larger truck, with a front-end pump, making a combination tank-pumper. The building was bought by the fire company from the village in 1958 after paying rent to the village for about 20 years. On December 24, 1959, the fire house, and a brand-new 1959 Ford Pumper truck, which cost \$17,000, were ravaged by a fire. During the fire, a tanker truck that was scorched was driven out of the burning building and used to aid the fight of distinguishing the fire. The loss was estimated to be \$50,000, fortunately all was covered by insurance.

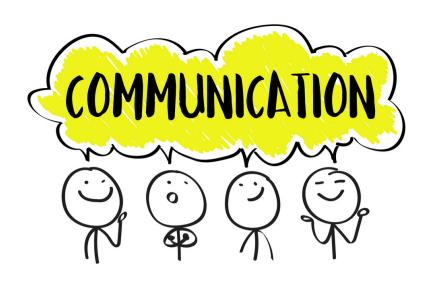
The third firehouse located on the same spot, on the west side of South Street in the Village, was rebuilt in 1960. William Smith of Consaul Road constructed it. This building was well equipped with three large bays, a meeting area, and a kitchen.

In 1980, an addition was added, the fire company was starting to outgrow the station with their fleet of trucks, including "Harvey" a 1931 Dodge Brothers parade truck and all the other supported equipment for fires, rescues, and training.

To keep up with the continuing growing Town of Galway, the 12,000 square foot, fourth firehouse, located on West Street opened for service in 2017. After 57 years being in the same firehouse it was time to expand with four spacious drive-through bays, a locker area, radio dispatch, records, fitness rooms and a firematic training area. A large kitchen and meeting area for hosting public events for our community. The firehouse also serves as a polling place for local, state, and federal elections for Districts 2 & 3.

The Galway Volunteer Fire Company, INC.'s motto is "Proud of our History, Prepared for Today, Planning for Tomorrow", through the past one hundred years the fire company has proven to stand true to this motto and continues to for the future years to come.





Please let us know how we can best serve you! There is always room for improvement regarding information gathering & sharing. We will continue to post on the Town Facebook page, our website, & share via newsletters. We hope to eventually create a user friendly digital e-mail system in addition to the other venues. If you wish to be added to an e-mail list, please send your contact information to Colleen at cforneris@townofgalwayny.org. Town Events will also be an opportunity to share your contact/e-mail information. Thank you!



Town of Galway Community Survey

2023 Galway Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town is preparing an update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This Plan will create a community vision, identify long-range planning needs, and guide local land use policies. Your input is important to shape the Town's future and prioritize public investment in the Town of Galway.

Please Return Paper Copies to:

Electronic Copies:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Galway

Galway Town Hall Comprehensive Plan Committee Care of Michael Smith, Supervisor 5910 Sacandaga Rd, Galway, NY 12074



Each section has easy to follow directions on how to fill in the responses. This survey is anonymous.

Question 1. In your opinion, list 3 things that you like best about living in or visiting the Town of Galway?

Question 2. In your opinion, what are the top 3 issues or challenges facing the Town of Galway over the next 10 years?

Question 3: Do you have Broadband Service (e.g. Verizon, Fios or Spectrum)?

Yes No

Question 4: If you have broadband Service, how satisfied are you with the speed and reliability of

the connection (bandwidth)?

O Somewhat satisfied - meets our needs

O Somewhat satisfied – does not meet our current needs
O Very dissatisfied – does not meet our minimum needs

O Very Satisfied

O No Opinion

 ○ Not available in my area of Town ○ Choose not to have the service ○ Unable to afford the service ○ Service is too unreliable
Question 6: If you have cellular phone service, how satisfied are you with the reliability of the
connection?
O Very Satisfied
O Somewhat satisfied – meets our needs
O Somewhat satisfied – does not meet our current needs
O Very dissatisfied – does not meet our minimum needs
O No Opinion
Question 7: Where should the Town of Galway allow utility-scale solar projects in the Town?
Allow throughout the Town in accordance with Town regulations
Limit utility-scale solar to properties in the Agricultural Residential Zoning District
Limit utility-scale solar to properties in the Agricultural Residential Zoning District with access to 3-Phased
Power (Route 29, Route 147, and portions of Perth Road)
O No Opinion
Other
Question 8: Public Water 8a) Would you be in support studying the feasibility of a Public Water infrastructure within strategic locations of the Town? Oreal Yes, near the commercial area of Route 29 / Route 147 Oreal Yes, for properties near Galway Lake Oreal Yes, for properties in or near the Village of Galway Oreal None of the above Other 8b) Do you have other comments on potential public water systems in Galway?
Question 9: Public Sewer
9a) Would you be in support studying the feasibility of a Public Sewer infrastructure within
strategic locations of the Town?
Yes, near the commercial area of Route 29 / Route 147
Yes, for properties near Galway Lake
Yes, for properties in or near the Village of Galway
None of the above
Other Other

Question 5: If you do not have broadband services, what are the reasons?

				way?
Question 10: Please provide ye	our level of suppor	t for the follow	ring within the To	own of Galway.
	Fully Support	Support	Not a Priority	Not Needed
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Question 14: What recreational interests should the Town encourage in Galway?

Question 17: How would you li	ike the Town to com	municate with you (ch	eck all that apply).
Newsletter/ Mailing Email Social Media/Facebook Texting to Phone Other		·	
Question 18: Would you like to you?	share anything abo	out the Town of Galway	that is important to
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Want More Information?

Send your contact information to:

ComprehensivePlan@townofgalwayny.org

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

While these questions are optional, we encourage you to answer this section, as it will help us better understand survey responses and target improvements to our Town. All survey results are anonymous.

Question 19. What is your relation	iship to the Town of Galway? Ch	eck all that apply
O Town Resident	O Employed In Galway	O Part Time Resident
O Village Resident	O Student	O Other
O Property Owner	O Business Owner	
Question 20. How long have you b	een a resident of the Town or Vi	llage of Galway?
O Less than 1 Year	O 5-10 Years	O Greater than 20
O 1-5 Years	O 10-20 Years	Years
		O Not a-Resident
Questions 21: If you are a busines or Village of Galway?	s owner, how long have you own	ed a business in the Town
O Less than 1 Year	O 5-10 Years	O Greater than 20
O 1-5 Years	O 10-20 Years	Years
Question 22: What is your age gro	up?	
O Under 19	O Between 35 and 44	O 65+
O Between 20 – 34	O 45-64	O Prefer not to answer
Question 23: How many people liv	e in your household?	
O 1	O 3	O 5
O 2	O 4	O 6+

Community Happenings!









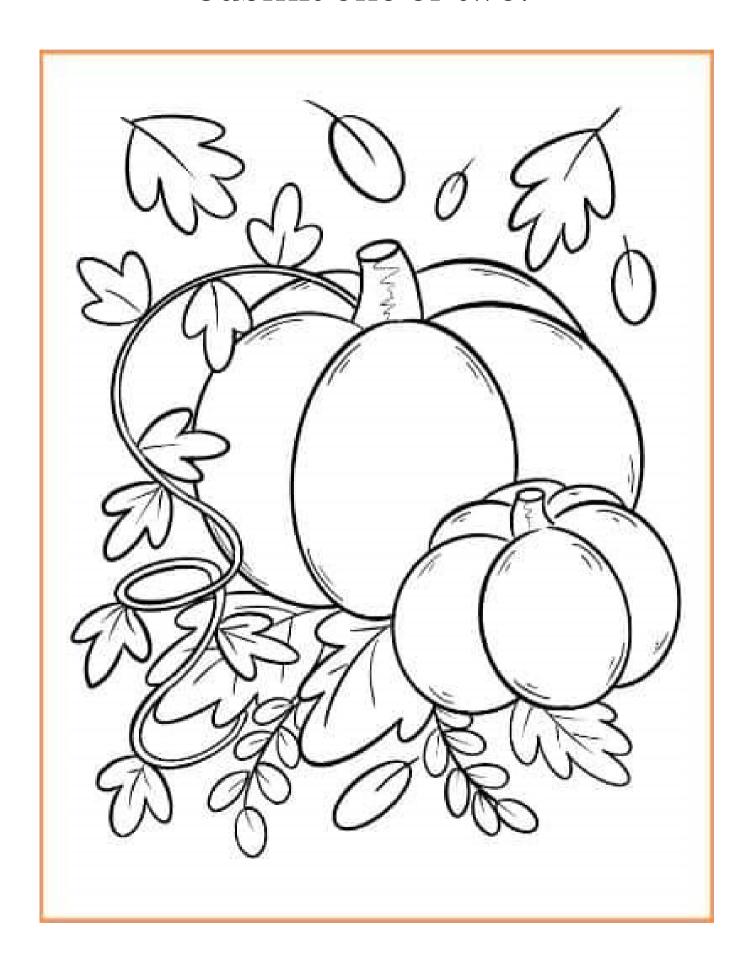
Coloring Contest!

This can be used as a template or as is. Feel free to use any kind of medium & decorate to your hearts content. Please have submissions to Colleen by October 13th. Be certain to include name/contact information on the back of drawing(s). The Galway Seniors Group will be judging on October 19th. Prizes will given to 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place winners.



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Submit one or two!



Community Cookbook

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? From breakfast to dessert! Please send your recipe to Colleen at cforneris@townofgalwayny.org, or drop off /mail to Town Hall by November 3rd.



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Kindness is free. Sprinkle that stuff everywhere.

