

## Liberty Village Newsletter



### Message From The Mayor

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#### Special points of interest:

- The Village Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building
- Planning Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building
- Zoning Board meets only as needed

As we come to the end of 2011, I would first like to personally THANK each and every employee of the Village of Liberty for their dedication and professionalism this past year. Given the present state of not only our local economy, but our national economy you all have done your best to keep us moving forward.

I am pleased to report that despite all the negative feedback we encountered with the elimination of our court this past year, we are no longer losing money. In fact, we are actually seeing positive revenue from the town court and have had no real issues with the transformation.

I would also like to let you know that while we weren't able to pave as many roads this year that we would have liked to, the ones that we did get to were done the right way, for a change. By this statement, I mean that I wanted to be sure that the proper drainage was installed prior to the paving so we

won't have to repave them every year due to frost damage.

The work on our sewer main near Green Lane is almost complete. Completion of this project will save the Village the cost of running another pump station by returning the flow there back to gravity.

We are trying to find funding to be able to deal with a DEC (Department of Conservation) compliance issue with the Griebel Park Dam. We must either repair it or remove it or face huge fines. (Is this another unfunded mandate?).

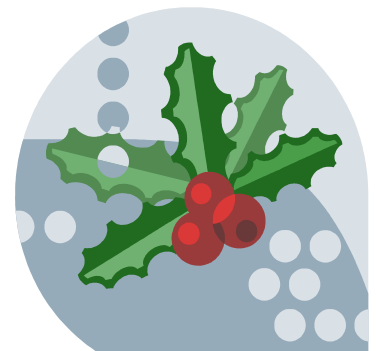
Work continues on bringing our sewer plant back to its proper operating levels. Hopefully, the Red Meat project is getting closer to a reality. The timber harvesting at the Water Department property is under way that enabled us to purchase a couple of new trucks and pay for the engineering for a new reservoir without having to increase rates.

I want to take a moment to say a special THANKS to Don

Nichols who is stepping down from our Planning board after more than forty years of service of which he spent a majority of that time as the Chairman. He will be missed but we wish him well in his future endeavors.

I would also like to thank the business folks on main street that continue to work very hard to keep our main street looking great and what seems to me a renewal of the sense of community that has been missing for a while downtown. THANK YOU.

Finally here's wishing everyone a fantastic holiday season.



## *Sewer Department News*



There has been a lot of repairs and updating going on in our Sewer Department.

The Green Lane sewer main has been repaired. The repairs have allowed us to eliminate the temporary pump station that

had been set up.

The pump station on Sullivan Avenue at the Days Inn has been upgraded.

An emergency water line repair has been completed.

There are plans for Winter and Spring upgrades

on the head-works and oxidation ditches at the Sewer Plant. The new equipment being used for the upgrades promises to be more energy efficient.

## *Winter Etiquette*

Please remember to keep dumpsters and garbage pick up areas free from snow and ice. The Sanitation workers need to be able to access your dumpsters. Keep the area shoveled and sanded or salted. Make sure the wheels and lids are in

good repair.

Business owners are responsible for the sidewalk in front of their business. Sidewalks must be kept cleared of snow and ice free. When there is a snow storm, sidewalk need to be shoveled and salt or sand put down

within four hours after the snow stops.

As of December 1st, there will be no parking on Village streets from 3:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. This is to allow the plows to clear the street faster and with less obstacles to plow around.



## *The 3/50 Project    Shop & Support Local Businesses*



3 - Think about which three independently owned stores you'd miss most if they were gone. Stop in, say hello, and pick a little something up. That's how they stay around.

50 - If just half the employed U.S. population spent \$50 each month in independently owned stores,

their purchases would generate \$42,629,700,000 in revenue.\*

68 - For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. In a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it on line and NOTHING

comes home.

1 - The number of people it takes to start the trend....you!

Shop Local...Support Local

\*statistics courtesy US Bureau of Labor Statistics and Civic Economics study 2008

## From Our Police Department

The Village of Liberty Police department would like to wish residents a safe and happy holiday season. If any village homeowners plan on vacationing or weathering the winter by heading south please call or stop by the Police Station so your home can be placed on our house check list. By placing your home on our house check list, Police Officers know you are away and vigilantly check your home for signs of suspicious activity and break-ins. If a problem is found, you or someone you designate will be notified immediately.

This past summer and into the fall of this year the gang problems plaguing Monticello has overflowed and has become a problem in the Village of Liberty. This problem led to a drive-by shooting in the Carrier Street

area and several Felony Assaults with weapons in the Orchard Street area. All of these occurrences were investigated by the Police Department and arrests were made.

In June of 2011 the Liberty Police teamed up with the United States Marshall's Sex Offender Task Force and did surprise home visits of over 30 sex offenders in our jurisdiction. One sex offender was arrested for Possession of Child Pornography and Failure to Register Internet usage with the Police Department.

In October 2011 the North Main Street Mobil gas station collapsed during construction trapping two workers in the debris. Two Police Officers and an Off

Duty Sergeant responded to the incident and provided assistance with medical care and extrication of the workers. Both workers are alive today thanks to all of the emergency services that responded that day. The Village had a safe Halloween night with no major incidents reported.

The Liberty Police Department looks forward to the New Year with a National Soap Box Derby event taking place in the Village in May 2012.

The Police Department is and always has been dedicated to the residents of the Village of Liberty and would like to thank all residents for their continued support.

Scott Kinne  
Detective Sergeant



Fatalities from Carbon Monoxide poisoning go up every winter. Please be sure to have smoke detectors in sleeping areas and one on every floor and a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home. A safe holiday is a happy holiday!



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you're getting into!

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## December Events

The First annual Holiday Parade will be on Friday, December 2nd. The parade will line up at the Liberty Elk's Lodge at 5:00 p.m. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and go down North Main Street and end at the Elementary School.

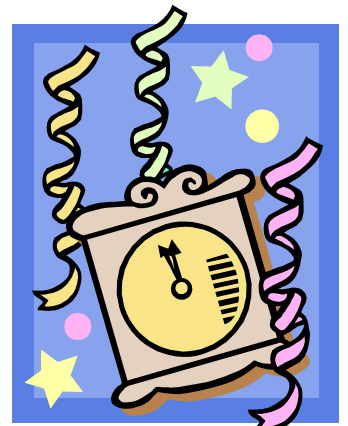
Immediately following the parade, at the Town Hall and Liberty Main Street Stage, the Annual

Tree Lighting will begin. Refreshments will be served- come and help bring in the holiday season.

The 16th Annual Holiday Party will follow at the Liberty Museum and Arts Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Bring an Hors d'oeuvre and a donation for the food pantry.

Santa's Express is coming to Main Street, Liberty on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

The Village Offices will be closed on December 26th and January 1st in observance of Christmas and New Years Day.





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### Chamber News

Everything that you wanted to know about the Sullivan County Soap Box Derby, but didn't know who to ask...

With a name as American as apple pie, the Soap Box Derby is a 76 year old tradition that's fun for children and adults alike. It's been years since a Derby was held in Sullivan County, and the village will be holding its inaugural race in the late spring of 2012. Interested in learning more details? Purchasing a car? Getting involved? Read on!

The Sullivan County Soap Box Derby, scheduled to be held in Liberty on Sunday, May 27 (the Sunday of the three-day Memorial Day weekend), is expected to attract hundreds of people from across the entire Catskill/Hudson Valley re-

gion; the race in Port Jervis was the largest in the United States in the 2010-2011 racing season and drew thousands of spectators. Dale and Carol VanDenberg, co-founders of the all-volunteer race committee, saw an opportunity to add an extra spark to our already-vibrant community!

The 2012 Derby will feature two divisions of racers – Stock (ages 7 – 13) and Super Stock (ages 10 – 17). All cars and wheels need to be approved according to guidelines specified by the All American Soap Box Derby, and an official scale will be used the day of the race to make sure that the race-car/driver are within the weight limits proscribed by the Derby.

Drivers will be selected by the owners/sponsors of each car and the winning racer from each division will be

sent by the Sullivan County Soap Box Derby to Akron, Ohio, to compete in the international competition.

If ordered before the end of 2011, shipping and handling on the cars (from Ohio) will be waived, and race-cars make excellent holiday presents! In early 2012, the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County Soap Box Derby will arrange a construction clinic with representatives of the Ohio-based headquarters and master technicians and mechanics on-hand to answer questions. In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering or purchasing a car, please contact the Sullivan County Soap Box Derby!

*Jeremy Gorelick, President of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce, is also co-President of the local division of the All American Soap Box Derby. For more information, please contact 845 292 9797.*

*Happy 2012*

*Wishing Everyone a*

*Happy & Healthy New Year!*

