

## 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

I'd like to begin this newsletter with a huge thank you to Peter Parks and his DPW staff for their tireless effort in dealing with the fallout of Hurricane Sandy. These men worked for hours on end removing downed trees from Village roads and clearing debris from catch basins and streams. Working with NYSEG the cleanup took a week to safely complete. The Village is currently speaking with personnel from Emergency Management on how to better serve our community during disasters like this one. One example would be to establish a local disaster center right in the Village that would be more easily accessible to Liberty residents rather than have them travel to the Red Cross Emergency Shelter at SCCC.

A repeat thank you also goes out to the DPW for completing the infrastructure repairs to a portion of Carrier Street last fall. Taking on this project saved the Village thousands of dollars that would have normally been spent had the project been assigned to a private contractor.

I'm pleased to announce that the Village has been awarded a \$600,000 CDBG grant to be used for upgrades to our sewer plant. The upgrades are to the oxidation ditch and aerator and influent screens.

I'm also pleased to announce that the Village has been awarded a \$731,000 grant and a \$289,000 loan (for 38 years for at 2%) for a new water storage tank at the Revonah Hill Reservoir. The new 500,000 concrete tank will replace the existing one, which has been leaking and can fail at any time.

## *Department of Public Works*



The Village recently met with representatives from FEMA in order to recoup monies spent during Hurricane Sandy. We expect to be reimbursed back approximately \$12-\$15,000 for time, material and equipment used during this disaster.

There seems to be some confusion regarding garbage and recycling pickup in the Village. Whenever there is a holiday, garbage pickup is always pushed back by one day. With the exception of Thanksgiving week, this policy never changes. For example, when a holiday exists, residential garbage normally picked up on a Tuesday would be picked up on Wednesday. Residential garbage normally picked up on a Wednesday would be picked up on Thursday. Residential recycling is always picked up on Thursdays.

Sanitation workers are now picking up recycling in a garbage truck, rather than the more familiar recycling trailers. Stickers are now available in the Clerk's office for people who want to more clearly identify their recycling containers. We are reminding all commercial users with dumpsters to please be sure your dumpster is completely shoveled out and sanded/salted. Wheels need to be able to move freely so the container can be maneuvered to the Sanitation truck.

Residents and businesses alike are reminded to NOT plow or shovel snow into the street.

## *Water Department*

In addition to the replacement of the water tank, the water department will continue its normal maintenance and repair of all of its equipment. As soon as the weather warms up, this maintenance will include repainting hydrants.



*Code Enforcement Office/ Building Dept.*



Landlords are reminded that heat needs to be maintained in their apartments at an interior temperature of 68 degrees. Every floor, every hallway and every sleeping room must have a working smoke detector and each apartment is required to have a working carbon monoxide detector.

Businesses and apartment owners are reminded to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice at all times. Within four (4) hours of the cessation of any snow/ice storm, sidewalks are to be cleared of all snow and ice, enabling pedestrians to travel safely.



## *A Message From the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce*

### **2nd Annual Sullivan County All-American Soap Box Derby**

Well, it's Soap Box Derby time again in Liberty. This years program is really shaping up. We are expecting at least 70 plus cars from all over Sullivan County and surrounding areas. This is more than twice the registration for our inaugural event.

Soap Box Derby racing is for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. The kids race official cars that are built from a kit purchased through All American Soap Box in Akron Ohio. The cars are complete with steering and braking systems and all participants wear approved safety helmets.

Last years "Local Champs" (winners of our local race) and their families were treated to a week out in Akron to compete against almost 500 other local and regional winners from all over the United States and 8 other countries including as far away as New Zealand, Japan and Germany.

This years local race will be on Sunday May 26th on North Main Street in the Village of Liberty. In addition to a construction clinic, that we will hold on March 16th, there will be several practice runs scheduled leading up to race day. We had more that 1200 spectators show up to root and cheer on our local racers on race day.

To view pictures of last years race, find us on Facebook, Sullivan County Soap Box or visit the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce at [www.libertychamber.org](http://www.libertychamber.org).

As 1 of many program fundraisers, on Saturday February 9th, Sal from Cracolici's on the Green here in Liberty, will be serving up a delicious All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner from 5 - 10 pm for just 10.00. We hope to see you there to help support the youth in our area.

For more information, car purchase, registration, etc. please call Carol VanDenberg, Race Director at 845-292-5807 or e-mail her at [carolavan\\_815@msn.com](mailto:carolavan_815@msn.com). General information is also available at [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org).

#### **2013 Chamber Calendar of Events**

February 21	Winter Mixer @ Cracolici's
March or April	Murder Mystery Dinner*
May	Dia de la Familia
May 26	Soap Box Derby
June	Mixer *
July	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Summer Celebration
August	Antiques in August Liberty 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Bike Weekend
September	Mixer *
October 12	Harvest Festival
November	
December	Holiday Party*
Santa Express	

\* Dates and location to be announced

