

# THE LIBERTY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VERY DEDICATED WORKFORCE

On April 22nd, 2010, the Village responded to what would usually be a common everyday call for a sewer line backup in the vicinity of Green Lane. What they found, turned out to be one of the worst nightmares our Village has had in several years. The backed up sewer line was found to be in a location that cannot be repaired.

We were able to contain the spill, and set up pumps to bypass the affected area by early evening that day.

Thanks to our quick action the Village has gotten a favorable response from the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation on their handling of the situation.

Unfortunately, this problem has resulted in our having to keep up the bypass pumping 24/7 since the beginning.

I am writing this note on May 9th, 2010 and our employees are still out there.

We have exhausted every avenue we could think of to get some sort of emergency funding to fix this by installing a pump station, but each time we have been denied. We will move forward to make the

necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Considering the weather conditions these folks have had to deal with and the fact that they are still getting their everyday jobs done, I want to take this opportunity to personally THANK each and every one of our employees for definitely going "way above and beyond" for our community.

Richard Winters

## THE VILLAGE WEB SITE

The Village of Liberty web site has been online for several months.

One of the features on our site include copies of the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board.

Also listed are the date and time of the next scheduled meetings and important happenings here in the Village.

We have photos, phone numbers and email addresses of the different Department Heads and Board Members.

Various permit applications are now available on-line for your convenience.

The Village website address is :  
[www.villageoflibertyny.org](http://www.villageoflibertyny.org)

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## VILLAGE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Water Department

New York DOT Project in Parksville has replaced 2,610 feet of old water main. The old eight inch cast iron pipe is gone and new twelve inch Ductile iron pipe is servicing our transmission line from the Lilly Pond Filter Plant.. The replacement goes from Main Street in Parksville to Parksville Road.

Work has begun on replacing the #2 pump at the Elm Street Well and installing two variable frequency drive units to conserve electric usage. Also being replaced: well circular chart flow recorder and the Elm Street Well primary flow element orifice plate. Replacing parts that have been in use since the well was built in 1957 will help the Water Department get even more accurate readings.

### Sewer Department

The Village has signed a contract with Delaware Engineering, P.C. to draft a Preliminary Engineering Report and to prepare funding request applications to the various agencies to do a sewer treatment plant upgrade.

### The Department of Public Works

The DPW has been busy with monitoring the broken sewer line on Chestnut Street.

In addition to their day to day job duties; annual projects for this year include ditching, street sweeping and road patching. If time and man power permit, tree cutting and trimming will also be done in various problem areas.



*“Have pride  
in our  
Village and  
help keep  
it clean”*

## VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT: A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

When first elected Liberty Village Justice in 1993, the position was truly part - time. Aside from a moderate criminal calendar, the Court also had Civil and Vehicle & Traffic calendars which were tolerable and relaxed.

Almost eight years later, the calendars are the largest in the county. On April 20th, 2010, we had 90 criminal cases to address. The court started as soon as the ADA and defense counsel arrived and continued until approximately 1:30 p.m. when the last Arrest Warrant was issued for non appearance. There were no breaks along the way and the proceedings were occasionally tense. The

increase in activity is directly proportional to the increase in the Village of Liberty Police arrests. Based upon the number of arrests made thus far this year, I anticipate more than 1,000 arrests by the end of the year. It should be noted that in most cases, for each arrest there was an arraignment and sometimes these arraignments take place at 2:00 a.m. on a snowy winter's night. For the uninitiated, an arraignment is where the Court gets jurisdiction over the defendant, when the charges are read, when bail is set. And there is more. When arrests are made by the Sheriff's Department and The New York State Troopers in our jurisdiction, our

Court is further involved with additions to our criminal docket.

Without Lillian and Victoria Court functions could not be possible. Our resources are stretched to the limit. We need additional personnel to collect fines owed to the Court and to process the paperwork incurred in running our Court. And just think, the summer is a month away. This was the month that was in our justice system.

The Honorable Harold Bauman

## NEW BUSINESSES IN THE VILLAGE

Several new businesses have opened in the Village over the past few months.

Variedades Mary Store opened on 28 North Main Street

Tiangus Tengo Deli Grocery relocated and expanded at 77 North Main Street.

Root 52 opened on 87 Mill Street.

The Munson Diner has reopened under new management

The Zombean Coffee Shop opened at 116 Mill Street

The Fiesta Restaurant has opened at 37 North Main Street

South Asian Grocery Store at 12 South Main Street has expanded.

El Mariachi Restaurant has opened on

10 School Street

Liberty Collision is moving from 188 Lake Street to 144 Mill Street.

Coming soon: At the corner of South Main and School Streets: Garcia's Grocery & Restaurant. A barber shop and women's hair salon will be located on the second floor.

Let's support these new businesses and help keep the Village of Liberty healthy and strong.

## PLANNING BOARD

The Village of Liberty Planning Board meets the second Thursday of each month to review site plans and special use permits. Planning Board Members are:

Don Nichols– Chairman  
 John Webber  
 Carlton Fritz Jr.  
 Dan Ratner  
 Steven Green  
 Barbara Blakey– Alternate  
 Pam Winters– Secretary



## SPRING CLEAN UP NEWS

Our Spring Clean Up this year was a huge success. Due to the County reducing our 2010 allocation to only 31 tons, half of last years amount, we were unable to remain open for the full nine days. We reached our maximum allotment within five days and were forced to end the clean-up early.

We sincerely hope that the County recognizes the need for free dumping and will review their allocation process for future clean ups

## SPRING NEWS

Members of the Liberty United Methodist Church received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Winters and the Village Board of Trustees for their work on various projects during "Change The World Saturday" to help make our Village a cleaner more beautiful place to live and work.

### Upcoming Events:

The 1st Annual Vendor's Market will be open every Saturday starting Saturday May 22nd and running through September 4th at the Municipal Parking Lot on Oberferst Street. This continuing event is sponsored by the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

The Sullivan County Farmer's Market, also located at the Municipal Parking lot on Oberferst Street, will be open on Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Farmer's Market will run from now until October 7th..

We will be hosting a Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 31st, 2010 starting at 10:30 a.m.

Movies in the Park will begin Saturday May 29th at the Main Stage in LaPolt Park. The first movie will be the Disney/Pixar film "Up". The following Saturday, June 5th will feature "Alice in Wonderland" starring Johnny Depp. The previews will begin at dusk. The movies will be shown on Saturday evenings through out the summer. For more information on what movies will be playing this summer call Floyd & Bobo's Bakery at 292-6200 and ask for Louie or Ellen.



## TRUSTEES ALVAREZ AND STODDARD START NEW TERMS

On April 1st, 2010 newly elected Trustees, Luis Alvarez and Joan Stoddard, began their two year terms on the Board of Trustees for the Village of Liberty.

The current Board of Trustees is as follows:

Shirley Lindsley  
 Corrine McGuire  
 Joan Stoddard  
 Luis Alvarez  
 Judy Zurawski– Secretary

The Village Board of Trustees meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

## THE ZONING BOARD

The Zoning Board meets as needed to review variance requests on Zoning regulations.

The Zoning Board Members are:

Gene Barbanti– Chairman  
 Dr. Robert Nussbaum  
 Charles Tyler  
 George Stang  
 Dominic Fontana  
 Judy Zurawski– Secretary

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## PROJECT LIBERTY PRIDE

In addition to the Community Garden, the Village of Liberty is also home to the "Project Liberty Pride", which is a collaborative effort to beautify the Liberty Commercial Corridor from Main Street in the Village of Liberty through Route 52 on the east side of State Route 17.

Participating groups include the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce, The Assembly for Liberty's Investment in Visual Enhancement (ALIVE), the Liberty Community Development Corp, the Town of Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the local Girl Scout Troop, the Liberty Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Sullivan County BOCES, and representatives from dozens of locally owned and operated businesses.



## ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The Village of Liberty's Annual Water Report will be available in the beginning of June. Copies can be picked up at the Village Clerk's Office or can be mailed out by request.

The project consists of four key beautification components:

1. Planting perennial flowering shrubs on the round about
2. Banners spanning State Route 52 at the junction of State Route 17 to encourage free flow between the two areas
3. Flowering hanging baskets
4. New planters with annual flowers

After months of planning, the first major volunteer opportunity will occur on the weekend of Saturday June 5th and Sunday June 6th. Planters should come armed with shovels, gloves and any other planting implements ready for an 8:00 a.m. start

## THE GREATER LIBERTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it's new website is now live. Membership benefits and applications are available online along with information about upcoming events. Keep in mind that our chamber is more than just the Village; it encompasses the outlying hamlets of the Town of Liberty as well, including Parksville, White Sulphur Springs, Ferndale, and Swan Lake. Check it out at [www.libertychamber.org](http://www.libertychamber.org).

Some of the upcoming events include the Vendor's Market, which had its successful debut on Saturday, May 22nd and will continue on each Saturday through Labor Day weekend. The market is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Liberty's 17th Annual Summer Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 4th

from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Craft and food vendors will line both North and South Main Streets and entertainment will be in the park. The antique car show, sponsored by Liberty Parks and Recreation, will be relocated to South Main Street. The parade kicks off at 12:00 p.m. Parade participation is encouraged and floats are welcome. Contact Ron McGrath or Dan Ratner at the Chamber office at 292-9797.

The Chamber's next mixer will be held on July 8th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the White Sulphur Inn on Route 52. \$10.00 per guest includes light refreshments. We are close to accomplishing several goals that were originally earmarked at the beginning of our fiscal year. Watch for more information.

