

Fall 2011

Village of Liberty
167 North Main Street, Liberty, NY



THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTY
LIBERTY, N.Y.

Liberty Village Newsletter

Message From The Mayor

We have a number of projects that we hope to complete in the next several months.

The engineer's report for work on the Revonah Hill Water Tank is complete and the project is going to the next step.

TAM Enterprises won the bid to repair the Green Lane Sewer line. We are expecting the project to be completed by November of this year.

Plans to make much needed improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant are moving forward as are the plans to eliminate the dam at Griebel Park.

I wanted to share our research on the energy usage of the Elm Street well since we installed the new Variable Frequency Drive there.

In early 2010, a lightning strike damaged the two existing 125 HP drives at the Elm Street well.

The Village was looking at a replacement cost of almost \$30,000.00.

NYSERDA—the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority—was offering Pre-Qualified Variable Frequency Drive Grants. The Village applied for and was rewarded a \$10,000.00 grant towards the purchase of the new drive.

The \$10,000.00 grant award along with the money we received from the insurance company allowed us to replace the two old and damaged well drives with new energy efficient Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at a cost of less than \$1200.00 to the Village.

The Variable Frequency Drive went on line on July 9, 2010. In the first year of its use this new drive has allowed us to decrease our electric usage by 49,600 kilowatts. In terms of dollars— the installation of the new VFD has saved the Village of Liberty \$5256.23 in its first year of use.

Your Village employees are constantly working to replace antiquated and broken equipment with as little cost as possible by researching grants and comparing prices to keep the costs down. The purchase of the Variable Frequency Drive is a perfect example of that.



Upcoming Fall Events

The Sullivan County Farmer's Market will continue every Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the municipal parking lot on Oberferst Street until October 14th.

Bethel Woods Harvest Festival will be held every Sunday starting September 4th and ending on October 9th.

Liberty's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Vendor booths will be located near the stage.

Village offices will be closed on October 10th in observance of Columbus Day. The Board of Trustees meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 18th.

The Halloween Parade will begin at 12:30 on Saturday, October 29th, 2011. Line up will begin at 11:30 at the municipal parking lot behind the Elk's Club.

Village Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

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Special points of interest:

- *The Village of Liberty Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building. If needed, works sessions are the fourth Monday of each month.*
- *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.*

New From The Department of Public Works

Many of our residents have been calling the Village offices regarding Fall Clean Up. As of publication, we have not heard from the County as to whether we are having a Fall Clean Up this year or not. Please keep an eye on the Democrat Newspaper and listen to the local radio stations, if we are allowed to have a Fall Clean Up it will be announced in those medias. Please feel free to continue to call the Village offices with your questions and concerns.

We have heard from the County that they are still in the process of setting up the Single Stream Recycling. We will report progress as we become aware of it.

We are relieved to announce that there were no major wash out or collapses from the deluge of rain we experience at the end of August and beginning of September.

We will be paving several streets in the Village, starting mid-September. We will be working on the following streets:

Wawanda Avenue

Winthrop Avenue



Old Monticello Road

Crestview Drive

We want to remind residents that the Sanitation Department does not collect yard debris such as twigs and branches. These are to be disposed by the property owner. DO NOT bag your fallen leaves and place them with your garbage. They will NOT be picked up. Instead the fallen leaves are to be raked in to lines or piles. In late fall, after most of the leaves have fallen from the trees, Sanitation will come around and vacuum up the leave piles.

Please call the Department of Public Works in the late fall for times of leave collection in your area. The number is 292-7031.

Sewer Department News



Repairs on the Green Lane Sewer Pump Station have begun. We hope the project will be completed by the end of November.

Upgrades are in the works for the oxidation ditches at the plant.

Maintenance and upkeep of equipment continues into the fall. Buildings around the Sewer Plant will be getting a fresh coat of paint this fall.

Special Reminder

Please do not flush rags or wipes down the toilets. There have been several pump station clogs because of things being flushed that should be discarded in the trash. Particularly do NOT flush Clorox or Lysol wipes.

Disposing of Fall Leaves

Fall is here! Cooler weather, the beautiful foliage, mums, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and then - leaves everywhere.

Each fall, once the leaves are down, yard maintenance before the first snow is a daunting task.

Please remember these few things:

Leaves, twigs and branches are Not picked up by the Sanitation Department during normal garbage removal.

Property owners are responsible for the disposal of twigs and branches.

The Village does collect the leaves in late October or early November. Do NOT bag the leaves. Rake them to the edge of your property in loose rows or piles. The Sanitation Department will vacuum them up. Once most of the leaves are down, call the Department of Public Works at 292-7031 to find out when they will be collecting the leaves in your area.



Liberty Chamber News

The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce celebrated events, new and old alike, all summer long. Under the co-leadership of Jeremy Gorelick and Dale VanDenberg, the Liberty Chamber held a successful Memorial Day weekend filled with celebrations (including the return of a wide-spread Yard-Sale-O-Rama, children's talent show and parade) and a Fourth of July Festival with record breaking attendance from vendors and attendees. A crowd favorite that is sure to return next year was the hot-dog – eating contest. Due to their overwhelming successes, many of the vendors are planning on coming back to Liberty's Main Street for the October Harvest Festival, traditionally held on Columbus Day weekend.

Liberty Pride, a consortium of ALIVE, the Liberty Chamber, the Liberty CDC

and many other civic organizations and community minded volunteers, incorporated the reclamation of a parking lot by the creek behind the stage as part of its summer beautification project. Due to its innovative ideas, use of plants and overall visual appeal, the group won two significant awards from Sullivan Renaissance at its awards show in August, including the community that demonstrated the best planning and highest level of environmental stewardship.

Many of the Chamber members are involved with spearheading the Soap Box Derby planned for the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend of 2012. An informational meeting was held on Thursday,



September 8th.

For more information on the Liberty Chamber of Commerce and its activities, please feel free to call (845) 292-9797. or come to the annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 at Cracolici's at the Sullivan County Golf Course and Country Club.

A Note to Village Landlords

Please remember that heat is required to be on from September 15th through May 31st. Temperature levels are measured on an interior wall three (3) feet from the floor and must register at 68 degrees.



Now is the perfect time to spruce up your dumpsters before the winter hits. Dumpsters should be painted a brown or pine green. Please make sure the dumpster has a lid and it will close and open with out issue. The wheels should be in proper working order to allow the dumpster to be moved without hindrance.

The Village Website is Expanding

The Village of Liberty web site is growing with more forms and more information for you to take advantage of.

The web site now offers a Village Code section. Listed and available for print out are all up to date sections of the Village of Lib-

erty Code. If you have a question about noise or signs or zoning you can easily find, read or print out the information on our website.

The Village Sign Law , Zoning Law and current Drinking Water Quality Report are available for you to view or print.

Coming soon the Subdivision Regulations will be added to the site.

The calendar of Village events is updated regularly as are the meeting minutes from the Board or Trustees, the Planning board and the Zoning Board.

Forms from the Clerk's Office and Building Department are available for printing.

Please visit the site at

www.libertyvillageny.org and let us know what else you would like to see there.



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