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# The Village of Liberty Newsletter



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## Important Dates

- June 9th– Planning Board meets 7:00 pm
- June 13th– Village Board meets 7:00 pm
- July 4th, Monday– Village Offices closed for 4th of July
- July 11th– Village Board Meets 7:00 pm
- July 14th– Planning Board Meets 7:00 pm
- August 8th- Village Board meets 7:00 pm
- August 11th–Planning Board meets 7:00 pm

## Message From The Mayor

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to everyone involved in this year’s budget process. All of the Board members are grateful to the Department Heads, the Police Department and especially to those in the Clerk’s office who worked tirelessly to provide us with the numbers we needed to crunch. It was a very stressful time for all, but the end result was a budget that presented less than a 1% increase to the taxpayers with no layoffs. Our Department Heads are continuing to strive to keep their expenses at a minimum while providing residents with all of the services they need.

Another thank you goes out to the many volunteers who participated in this year’s Litter-pluck. Your hours of cleaning

and hard work are greatly appreciated.

The transition from Village Court to Town Court appears to be going smoothly. Town Criminal Court continues to be held in the Village Courtroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Efforts are underway to provide a waiting room for those days when courtroom traffic is heavy. I hope the Village can continue to partner with the Town in other cost-saving measures benefitting both municipalities.

We’re continuing to move forward on projects involving the Green Lane sewer line and Revonah Hill water tank and dam. We’re looking at possible changes to laws concerning fire lanes and taxis. We are continuing to support new busi-

nesses coming into the Village and are participating in a County grant program providing assistance to owners of multiple dwellings. We are partnering with the Sullivan Pride group to repave some of our municipal parking lots and are offering our assistance in any way possible to the Sullivan Renaissance project adjacent to LaPolt Park.

For those residents who’ve never attended a Village Board meeting, I encourage you to please do so. Our agenda is always full of pertinent information that affects you, the taxpayers. Our meetings provide a sounding board for concerns and complaints as well as a forum for kudos to jobs well done. Our door is always open.....

## The Village Website

The Village has an improved website– we hope you enjoy it!

Please visit us at:  
<http://libertyvillageny.org>

We have an event calendar to keep you up to date on meetings, agendas and events. Many Village forms are available to print out. Minutes from Planning, Zoning and Board of

Trustees meetings are available to view or print out. You will be able to look up Village Code or get information on our different departments-including email and phone numbers.

Coming soon...Village History and photos!

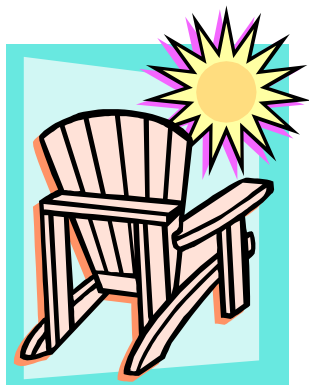
Do you have old photos of the Village or snips of Village his-

tory? Want to share? We would love to hear from you! Send photos with dates and snips to :

[catkins@libertyvillageny.org](mailto:catkins@libertyvillageny.org)



## Single Stream Recycling Is Still Coming!



In our Holiday Newsletter, we spoke about Single Stream Recycling and how we were looking to begin the new program in January.

Unfortunately, the County has not yet implemented the new recycling program. We are patiently waiting for news of the expected start date.

As soon as we have a start date, we will release more information to explain the details and new pick up schedules.

For those who missed the article in our last newsletter, Single Stream Recycling will soon be coming to Sullivan County . There will be NO MORE sorting of recyclables. All recyclables will be put out on one specified day in the SAME container.

The Village will be split in half and instead of picking up recycling five days a weeks it will be picked up two days a week!

This new program will save the Village time, money and manpower. And it will make it much easier for our residents to recycle.

We will keep you informed!

## Water & Sewer Department News



The Water Department has been able to purchase two new vehicles, thanks to advance proceeds from logging timber in the Revonah Hill Reservoir area. These much needed purchases replace a pick up truck from 1999 and a van that was thirteen years old.

Much needed repairs to the Water Department buildings have also been completed with proceeds from the logging.

The operators at the Sewer Plant have been busy cleaning tanks, painting and making outside repairs.

As a reminder: fats, oils and greases are NOT to be discharged into the sewer system ( as are other substances and materials). By discharging prohibited substances into the system, the operation of the plant is greatly affected and operational costs go up.

Also- rags, wipes, etc.. should not be flushed, as they get hung up on the floats in the pump stations. This may cause overflow of the pump stations and clogged pumps.

If you have any questions about what can be discharged and what can not- please contact workers at the sewer plant.

## From the Department of Public Works



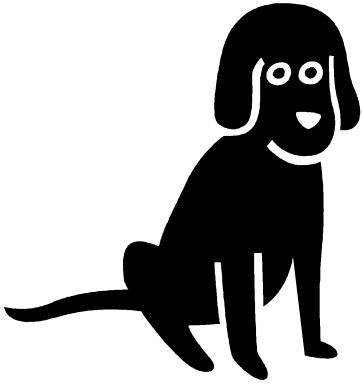
The DPW has been busy with its annual maintenance chores such as filling pot holes and keeping storm drains and ditches clean to handle the incessant rains. They have also assisted Code Enforcement and the Liberty Police Department in securing open buildings and removing illegally dumped items.

Carrier Street is a heavily traveled Village street in need of repair. Prep work has already begun: tree limbs are being trimmed, grading, ditching and infrastructure will follow and the entire road will be repaved.

DPW also plans on correcting drainage issues on Hope Street, New Street, a portion

of Wawanda Avenue, and on Old Monticello Road.

The final numbers are not yet in, but our Spring Clean Up took in over 31 tons of garbage. This huge amount has exceeded our annual allotment. Unfortunately , that means that the Village will not be able to do a Fall Clean Up.



## Dog Owners Take Heed

The comfort and joy that a dog offers is undeniable. Along with the pleasure that such a pet can bring comes the responsibility of proper care for your pet. Dog owners need to be aware that along with the task of walking one's

dog comes the responsibility of cleaning up after it.

A number of Main Street businesses complained last year about dog-owners allowing their dogs to defecate on public and private sidewalks and in LaPolk Park without cleaning up the mess.

The Village of Liberty adopted its “pooper-scooper” law more than

forty years ago, which states that canine waste must be cleaned up immediately.

Signs will be strategically posted this year as a warning – but tickets will be issued to those who ignore the law. Fines are no less than a minimum of \$25.00 and up to \$75.00 each time for repeat offenders.



## Sullivan County Farmer's Market

The Sullivan County Farmer's Market is now in full swing! The Farmer's Market reopened in the parking lot on Oberferst Street on May 6th.

The market will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at its

Liberty location each Friday through October 14th.

Many of the vendors are your returning favorites and there are new faces, too.

The market provides shop-

pers with a variety of local produce and products. We encourage you to support our local farmers by shopping wisely, eating healthy and keeping your shopping dollars here at home.

## From Code Enforcement

**MAINTENANCE:**  
*def. The work of keeping something in proper condition; upkeep; i.e. in a state of good repair.*

Increased living expenses are affecting everyone— gas, food, taxes, fuel oil, utilities, medicine and tuition. There is no family untouched and no business is exempt. But property maintenance is still a tangible goal.

Homeowners should be repairing broken porches, steps and railings, straightening fences and re-attaching gates, beginning exterior painting of your

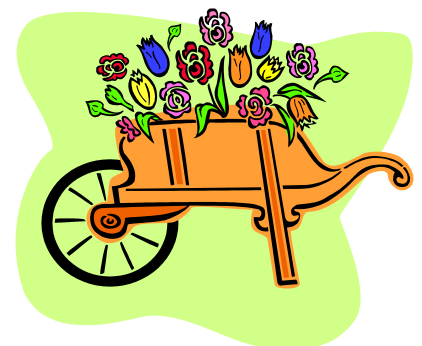
home, shed, garage or fence and re-attaching displaced gutters. These are small jobs that require little blocks of time and less money than new construction; but together they have a huge impact on a community. Fixing a mailbox or newspaper box, trimming tree branches and shrubs or raking up debris might all seem petty or trivial in the grand scheme of things, but when done house-by-house, street-by-street, the aesthetic impact is noticeable.

Businesses should be sweeping sand and garbage from

sidewalks daily, washing display windows weekly, re-painting dumpsters and replacing missing or broken dumpster lids. Dumpster enclosures that have fallen to disrepair need to be refurbished. Signs need to be kept presentable.

The Property Maintenance Code of New York addresses each of these “quality of life” issues and will continue to be enforced.

*“ simple things like keeping grass cut, sidewalks swept, windows washed or a new coat of paint on a building help keep your Village looking neat and inviting and will encourage visitors”*



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Upcoming Events: Village Board Meetings : 2nd Monday of each month. Work Sessions, If needed will be held on the fourth Monday of each month

Planning Board Meetings : 2nd Thursday of each month

The Liberty Festival : Monday, July 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No Rain date. Parade begins at noon.

## Liberty Chamber of Commerce News

The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to an exciting summer season. Coming up quickly on the heels of the hugely successful Memorial Day weekend is the annual Liberty Festival on Monday, the 4th of July. For more information about the festival or to reserve your space, please feel free to call the Chamber at 292-9797 or send an e-mail to [chair@catskills.com](mailto:chair@catskills.com).

In order to entice shoppers to spend their money locally,

dozens of Liberty businesspeople attended a Hospitality seminar on Wednesday, May 25th, at the Liberty Museum. Arranged by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce, useful information on effective customer service was provided to all of those in attendance.

The Greater Liberty

Chamber of Commerce continues to be a strong supporter and participant in the beautification activities of Liberty Pride. The new park, one of the centerpieces of the 2011 activities, will be completed before the end of the summer and plans are underway for additional expansion of public green space next year.



## Liberty Pride

Liberty Pride held its first public meeting of the 2011 season on Wednesday, March 16, at the Volunteer Ambulance Corps building. A lively discussion occurred, and many opportunities for volunteer efforts have been identified on this year's project.

For more information, please e-mail

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