



Galway Reader

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Supervisor

Happy Fall Greetings,

I hope you enjoyed your summer. It seems summer went by way too fast. I hope you had time to enjoy the many fun family summer activities our area had to offer. That being said, fall is also a good time to enjoy outdoor activities like visiting a local orchard or taking in the spectacular fall colors of the southern Adirondacks. There is also the need to get those last minute tasks done before winter arrives such as stacking the firewood or taking care of outside home maintenance projects that you have put off.

Just a quick note about fall safety. As we begin to use our various heating appliances, such as wood stoves, fireplaces and furnaces it is very important to be sure they are all in good working order and safe. Get your chimneys checked and cleaned. Be sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are operational.

At the town, we have been busy starting the annual ritual of preparing next year's budget. Like most of you, we find ourselves trying to do more with less. The Town Board is very aware of the need to keep taxes low and we are always looking for ways to be creative in either keeping costs down or finding other sources of revenue. Our main focus has been and continues to be the provision of good quality services at the most economical cost. I know I speak for the Town Board when I say "thanks" to our very dedicated town employees for their efforts to meet our goal of providing great services.

Over the summer, we said good bye to Ted and Diane Lovelass and their family as they closed the Galway Market after decades of service to our community. We wish them well and hope they enjoy their retirement. We are hopeful someone will reopen the market soon and provide a much needed service to our community. Please remember patronizing all local businesses is important.

It is exciting to see the progress on the new fire house on West Street. The fire company is hopeful to be in their new home by mid-2017. Take a drive by and see the progress that has been made.

In closing, by the time you read this we will have dedicated a new sign at the town recreation field on Sacandaga Road. The new sign will officially recognize the field as the "Dockstader Recreation Field" and honor the legacy the Dockstader Family left to the Galway community. Many worthwhile projects throughout the greater Galway area would not have happened without the resources provided by the trust and the hard work of the fund's trustees.

Thanks for reading this newsletter and please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or concerns.

Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadline for the Winter Edition - 2016 will be **at 4 pm** on: Wednesday, December 14th 2016

Articles may be dropped off at the Town Hall or e-mailed to me at: galwayreader@townofgalwayny.org. The publication goes to print the next day and mailed out within 2 to 3 weeks. Keep this in mind when submitting articles. **Articles must be one (1) page or less. Articles greater than one page will be returned for revision and/or not included. If you are submitting handwritten material, be sure the writing is legible or it will not be included.**

Pamela Wright, Galway Reader Editor

DISCLAIMER: The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any article and is not obligated to accept and print all articles.

Greetings from the Highway Department

This summer has been busy. Mechanic St. was rebuilt and paved. We also paved Hermance Rd from Rt 147 to Green Corner Rd, Antioch Rd and Hermance Rd from Parkis Mills Rd to Jockey St were sealed. This fall, we are going to ditch and replace cross culverts on Alexander Rd, Crane Rd, Ridge Rd and Dean Lung Rd.

During the summer, we also worked with, through our inter-municipal agreements, the Towns of Greenfield, Charlton, Ballston, Milton, Malta and Saratoga County. This is a great way to keep the cost down. We also had a successful bulk waste drop off at the shop from June 8th -12th.

As always we have a wood chip stock pile and a sand/salt mix available to the public.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Highway Department at 882-6651 or on my cell phone at 265-0426. You can also email me at highway@townofgalwayny.org.

Dave	Gonzo	Joe	John	Buck
Harry	Phil	Pat	Michele	Julia

Greater Galway Holiday Basket Project

The Greater Galway Holiday Basket Project, a sub-committee of the Galway Pantry, is looking for individuals or families willing to provide Christmas gifts for children in the local area. Gift donations will benefit those in need within the boundaries of the Galway School District.

Those interested in adopting a child for the holiday should contact Phyllis Sleeper at 882-9232 (gramyankee@aol.com) or Connie Wood at 882-6684 (cbwfarm@gmail.com).

Community Grants by the Dockstader Charitable Trust Top 1 Million Dollars

The Dockstader Charitable Trust reached a milestone this June with the payment of \$150,000 to the Galway Volunteer Fire Company for the new firehouse building project. This first installment on a \$500,000 grant to the fire company, the largest single award given by the Trust, pushed the Trust's record of giving to more than one million dollars in support of community projects.

Since 2007 the Trust has provided funds toward the completion of 139 projects, sponsored by 30 different not-for-profit organizations which serve the residents of the Galway Central School District. In addition to the Galway Volunteer Fire Company, grant recipients include the Galway Central School, Galway Lions Club, Galway Ambulance Corps, Galway Public Library, Senior Citizens, Glenville Hills Garden Club, Saratoga PLAN, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Greater Galway Community Services Organization, the Towns of Galway and Providence, and churches, fire districts, and cemeteries within the school district.

November 1 is the next deadline for filing grant applications for projects that benefit the residents of the Galway Central School District. Not-for-profit organizations may apply. To receive more information or request a grant application form, contact Julie Roy at 882-9101. Applications are available at the Galway Public Library and on the library and school web sites.

Funds for the trust were provided in the wills of Galway Village residents, Clayton R. Dockstader and his wife Katherine Flickinger Dockstader.

HISTORIAN

Our previous article introduced John Chester Booth who had written a history of Saratoga County, completed it then passed away leaving his work unpublished. The following is what Mr. Booth had written about the early history of Galway:

“In 1774, John and James Major, with thirteen families from Galloway in Scotland, made a settlement in the neighborhood of what is now called ‘Major’s Corners’, in that part of old Ball’s Town now known as Galway. Daniel Campbell, of Schenectady, had become a large owner in this part of the Kayaderosseras Patent, and it was through his instrumentality this settlement was made. Then too Sir William Johnson, himself from north of Ireland, and a family of Scotch origin, had early established a large number of Scotch and Irish families on his own lands, now in Montgomery and Fulton Counties. This is no doubt contributed greatly to the influx of the large immigration from these countries to the adjacent lands of our county. The local names still retain an odor of the ‘Land of brown health and shaggywood’, such as Perth, Breadalbin (spelling error?) and the like, to say nothing of the Macs and Sandys one constantly meets in traveling through that region.

The settlement did not thrive; owing probably to its remoteness from the sources of supply and its distance from all routes of communication with Schenectady and Albany. Its very existence, too, was doomed. Being exposed, by their neighborhood, to attack from the Tories and Indians whose head-quarters were at Johnstown. When the Revolution broke out our worthy Scots endeavored to secure their safety by remaining neutral during the contest. This did preserve them unmolested until 1780, when, from some cause having incurred suspicion, the terrible Brant, in the fall of that year, at the head of several Indians, fell upon the little community. Three of their number were killed, several carried into captivity, their cabins pillaged and burned. Those who escaped, fled in terror to Schenectady, leaving the settlement untenanted until the close of the war, 1783, when most of the families returned.”

This is around one-half of Mr. Booth’s chapter on Galway. We hope to include the “rest of the story” in our next article. It makes one wonder why Sylvester’s History of Saratoga County does not mention this episode. Of course we are aware that John Chester Booth’s manuscript was in storage when Sylvester was working on his publication.

Phyllis Keeler, Town Historian

Tom Cwiakala, Deputy Historian

The Galway Jr. Rifle Club

The Galway Jr. Rifle Club is up and running for another year. The club is open to all juniors in the area (over 12 years old), but there is a waiting list to get in. If you’re interested, call Coach Chuck Boykin (882-9352) and get on the list – first come, first served. The club teaches firearms safety and basic marksmanship to the juniors. There are several certified instructors helping out. Prizes are awarded each time one of the juniors reached a new skill level.

Each year, there is a match against the parents at the end of the year. The juniors have never lost!

The club also has a group that shoots competitively, going to tournaments around the area, and to larger matches all over the country. They do very well. Currently, there are four ex-Galway juniors in college on shooting scholarships of one kind or another.

This is a sport where girls compete directly against the boys, and generally do very well. Last year, one of our girls (Bridget Edgerly) tied a national record at age 15.

If you have a junior who likes to shoot, call Coach Boykin and get on the waiting list. This may be the sport they’ve been waiting for.

Galway Seniors

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm sharp. All are welcome to attend, 55 years and older.

Here's a list of speakers for 2016:

October – Health Fair and Flu Shots, Free Screening – Saratoga County Public Health

November – Gone But Not Forgotten – Ann Clothier

December – Christmas Party

* November 16, 2016 – Beeckes Christmas Show – 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - \$50

* The Broadalbin Seniors & the Galway Seniors present: WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 24, 2017 – April 27, 2017. Package includes: round trip motor coach transportation, 3 nights' accommodations, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners including one with entertainment at Toby's Dinner Theater, a guided illumination night tour of DC, guided tour of Washington, tour through Arlington National Cemetery, visit to the Smithsonian, visit to the National harbor. Baggage handling, taxes and dinner gratuities package price is \$490 per person double occupancy, Single is \$170. Departing from 112 Perthshire Drive, Amsterdam. For more information contact Dolly Dygert at 518-866-2898 or 518-882-9158. Trip cancellation protection available for \$45.

Galway Youth Commission

Fall Recreation Soccer

Fall Recreation Soccer will be held from September 10th through October 15th for youth Pre-K thru 6th Grade at the Town of Galway Fields. The fields are located on Sacandaga Road across from the Ballston Spa National Bank in Galway. Further information and registration forms are available at the Galway Town Complex or by contacting Samantha Price at gycsoccer@gmail.com. The Program is free of charge for the Town of Galway youth and for youth from the Towns that participate in the Galway Youth Commission Programs. Parents are required to stay with their children.

Karate

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes for youth on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm at the Junior High Gym at Galway School. Beginner classes are from 7pm to 8pm and Advance Classes are from 8pm to 9pm. For further information contact Karate Instructor Chris Malley at 727-0385 or email shinachris@gemakarate.com.

Recreation Basketball

Recreation Basketball will be held on Saturday morning at Galway Central School for girls and boys in 1st grade thru 6th grade from November thru February. For further information contact Dan Anderson at 882-5225.

As we approach the month of December, please watch for information about our free one day Ski Pass Program at Royal Mountain, our free Family Swim Program at the Glenville YMCA over Christmas vacation and the Youth Commission Pee Wee Wrestling Program held at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Wrestling Gym.

A special Thank You goes out to all of our local businesses, community service organizations and Galway Central School District for their continued support and donations to the Galway Youth Commission.

And a Special Thank You to our entire program volunteers who contribute their time to serve our youth. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

With everyone's support and help we are able to provide our youth with a variety of programs!

Family Fun Day 2016 – Celebrating our Youth

The Galway Youth Commission and the Town of Galway sponsored Family Fun Day 2016 on Saturday, June 18th from 1pm to 4pm at the Town of Galway complex. It was a beautiful day with a great turn out of approximately 500 people. A variety of activities were held including Dream Ponies Pony Rides and Farm Animals, the Giant Slide, the famous Dunking Booth run by Fred Arnold who had the “coolest job”, face painting which kids loved done by a group of older youth, a variety of small games with fun prizes, fun temporary tattoos, the famous sno-cones with Peg DeFoe and Pat Keller, arts & crafts, and DJ music by Spinner Productions. A free drawing was held for the children and older youth featuring a variety of larger prizes. Free pizza, hot dogs and beverages were also provided. It was wonderful to have many of our community organizations participate again this year. They passed out a variety of safety information and fun goodies to the children and their families.

The children got to meet the following people and explore their vehicles a Galway School Bus and Driver, Members of the Galway Emergency Medical Services and explore the Galway Ambulances, Members of the Galway Volunteer Fire Company and see the fire truck as well as the gear and tools that firefighters use, the Hagaman Fire Smoke Safety House and crew and visit with the Village of Galway Police Department and explore the police cars. The Village of Galway Police Department also fit the children with bicycle helmets to keep. The Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department did child safety identification cards for youth.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who made Family Fun Day 2016 possible. Our very dedicated Family Fun Day Committee, many youth volunteers including our Scout Groups, members of the National Honor Society as well as many other Youth Volunteers and our many adult volunteers. Also a special thank you to our Galway Town Board Members, the Town Staff, Town Highway Department and Village of Galway for their \$500 donation for helping to make our Family Fun Day possible! With everyone’s support, “Family Fun Day 2016 – Celebrating Our Youth” was a great success!

Galway Central School District

Celebrating and Building on Success

We are pleased to announce that Galway Central School District students met many of the goals the Board of Education established. They achieved a 94.6% graduation rate (the goal was 90%) and had the third highest academic gains in the region according to *The Times Union*, among other major accomplishments.

The district has set new goals for 2016-19. These goals can be seen on the district website and in the forthcoming printed newsletter.

The Academic Stakeholder Council started with the district’s mission statement and developed core values, which provide the foundation for our work and influence how we conduct ourselves and engage with others. The council drafted goals and targets, then shared their work with the Board of Education. The resulting District Goals foster the creative and critical thinking skills that students need in today’s world.

The Galway Central School Community believes that all students can succeed in learning. Our school's purpose is to educate all students to their highest level of academic performance while fostering positive growth in social/emotional behavior and attitudes. We accept the responsibility to provide the proper atmosphere and opportunity so that each student can attain his or her maximum potential.

Homecoming Weekend October 14-15, 2016.

The Galway Athletic Booster Club and the Galway Jr/Sr High School Athletic Department invite you to join us at our many events as we gather for a weekend to welcome home our alumni, celebrate our rich traditions, and honor our senior athletes. Please check our website for specific times for the following events.

Friday, October 14, 2016

Pep Rally - 5th and 6th Grade Fun Run - JV Volleyball Game - Senior Recognition Ceremony - Varsity Volleyball Game
Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Appreciation Breakfast for First Responders, Community Volunteers, Athletes and Families - Beach Volleyball Tournament - Alumni Soccer Game - Senior Recognition Ceremony - Boys Varsity Soccer Game - Girls Varsity Soccer Game - Fireworks immediately following the soccer games

The Galway Public Library

The Galway Public Library is excited to announce our collaboration with the Galway Players as they produce a special staged reading/performance of our Story Quilt poems on October 22 at 7:00 in the High School auditorium! The Players gave a very popular presentation of the poems several years ago. Don't miss this fun community event!

Special upcoming adult programs include an I Love Yarn Open House on October 15th, followed by a Book Talk with Dennis McFadden, local author of Jimtown Road. Herb Kopper will hold Open Art Sessions on first and third Wednesdays, and Steve teaches various tech classes on the first Saturday of each month at noon. Amy David continues her Keying Plants classes in October and November. And if you like playing with words, join us for Scrabble games each third Tuesday at 6:00, followed by the Writers' Group at 7:00.

We are honored to be able to participate in a Reading and Discussion Program sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities this Fall. The program theme is Pulitzer "Campfire" Readings: Reaching for the American Dream. The discussions, facilitated by Evelyn Hanna, are based on four Pulitzer Prize-winning novels.

Looking ahead to November, special programs include another Relax with Coloring session on the 12th, Amy David's Kodiak Island, Alaska: A Travelogue on the 19th and Making the Most of Social Security on November 30th. Please notice our makeover – the library's trim and the shed in the back are freshly painted, thanks to the generous donation of paint and supplies from Curtis Lumber, and the work of our volunteers. Stop in and talk to Deb Flint, our Library Manager, if you're interested in serving on a library committee or becoming a volunteer.

The library is very appreciative of all the donors who helped to make the Summer Reading Program a success as well. Miss Sara, our Library Assistant in charge of children's programming, has created new monthly programs to begin this Fall. A Homeschoolers group will meet monthly at the library to let the children socialize and give the adults a chance to talk and exchange ideas. If you'd like more information, email Sara at spandori@sals.edu.

Craftermoons offer kids the opportunity to participate in arts and crafts projects, and at our new Stop Motion Animation Workshop kids will learn to make their own movie! Our usual Preschool Story Time, Tinker Times, Maker Space Drop-In events and Pokemon club continue each month.

For details, dates and times of all our programs, come to the library, check the website Events Calendar (www.galwaypubliclibrary.org.) or sign up for our weekly emails. We encourage you to register for all programs, (call 882-6385) though you can attend without doing so, if there is still space and enough supplies.

Board of Trustees meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 are open to the public. The Friends of the Library meet at Galway Town Hall on third Tuesdays at 7:00. You are welcome to attend any meeting and learn how you can support the library.

Did you know? You can tap into our free wi-fi 24 hours a day from our parking lot, and with your library card you can use our public computers, and check out new releases of books, DVDs, and even museum passes.

The library publishes the free bi-weekly newsletter, the Galway Get Together, as a service to the community. Everyone is welcome to submit news of upcoming events, yard sales, services you provide, etc. Email to galwaygettogether@gmail.com.

GALWAY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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SIXTH ANNUAL SOUP SALE

Saturday, October 22

10:00 A.M. UNTIL 12 NOON

**At the Galway Emergency Medical Services Building
Located at 2175 Galway Road (East Street)**

**A large variety of soups will be available.
Buy soups for now and to freeze for those cold winter nights.**

Memory Tree – Galway Lioness Club

The Galway Lioness announces the 22nd annual Memory Tree in the Village Park by the bandstand. Our memory tree will be lit with bulbs donated by individuals wishing to remember loved ones during the Christmas season. It is an annual holiday tradition and bulbs can be purchased each year. There is a \$1.00 donation requested per bulb for each individual name submitted. All proceeds will be used for our Community Fund listed below.

Anyone interested in buying in memory of someone special may submit that person's name and donation to the Galway Lioness Club.

A list of names to those to be remembered will be posted in the gazebo. Each name will be listed only once. Angels next to names will indicate additional remembrances.

Community fund projects we donate to include local Holiday and Spring basket programs, Lions Eye Bank at Albany, Lions Foundation, flags for Memorial Day, Saratoga Bridges Creative Expressions, Hospice of Saratoga, Regional Food Bank for Galway, Town of Galway Summer Program, Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis, the Gateway House of Peace, the Galway Fire Dept. Buildings Fund, the Annual Senior Class Breakfast, and a scholarship for a Galway High School Senior.

Please join us for the tree lighting on November 27, 2016 at 5:30 PM. Bring a flashlight.

The members of the Galway Lioness Club wish to express their gratitude for your support throughout the year and wish you a joyous Christmas season.

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Examples of the way names should be listed (\$1.00 per name):

In memory of Mrs. Jane Smith = a \$1.00 donation **or** In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Smith = a \$2.00 donation

Donation in memory of:

The total amount enclosed \$ _____. Make checks payable to the Galway Lioness Club.

My name is _____ and I can be reached by phone at _____
(in case we need to discuss your remembrances).

Detach and return to Galway Lioness Club, PO Box 502, Galway, NY 12074.

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Galway Youth Commission
Youth Referral Service

For youth 14 years of age and older, seeking babysitting,
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shoveling, yard work, and other odd jobs

Persons interested in hiring youth for odd jobs should contact:

Donna Sowle, Youth Referral Director, at 882-1347

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