



# Galway Reader

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## Supervisor

Greetings,

Happy fall!! Although, as I write this the first days of fall feel more like the dog days of summer. With temperatures in the high 80's it is hard to believe that fall has arrived. One thing is certain, as we all know, the weather in our neck of the woods can quickly make an abrupt change and these pleasant bonus days of summer will be nothing but a memory.

Speaking of weather, I know many in our town have family and friends in the Florida and Houston areas. Please keep all the residents of those areas in your thoughts as they begin the task of rebuilding lives after the series of devastating storms. If you can, please consider giving a contribution to the American Red Cross, Salvation Army or any of the other reputable charities that are helping the victims of these storms.

The Town Board has begun the task of developing the town's 2018 budget. This is a several month process culminating in the adoption of the final budget in mid-November. We did receive some good news on the cost of health insurance. The projected cost increase for our modest plan was less than expected. It appears several other large item costs will remain flat or we expect only slight increases. It is delicate balancing act of maintaining funding for a good road maintenance program, contracts for fire protection and emergency medical services and support of youth and senior programs.

I would urge residents if you have not already, please consider making a contribution to the Galway Emergency Medical Services group during their annual fall fund drive. Every contribution helps. The cost of maintaining the advanced life support service provided by GEMS is significant. We receive excellent service from GEMS and I know there is strong support for them in the community. Also happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to GEMS.

I would like to again encourage anyone who might consider volunteering for any of the various boards we have at the town level; be it the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or the Board of Assessment Review that we are always looking for interested resident who wish to serve.

Thanks again and enjoy your fall!!!!

Paul Lent  
Supervisor

## Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadline for the Winter Edition - 2017 will be **at 4 pm** on: Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Articles may be dropped off at the Town Hall or e-mailed to me at: [galwayreader@townofgalwayny.org](mailto: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

As I write this article, we are experiencing our first day of Fall, which is a warm one! We are definitely in the middle of an extended summer season as the leaves begin to change and our thoughts turn towards the inevitable onset of winter. Before totally giving over to the thought of winter maintenance I'd like to summarize what has been accomplished over the summer season.

The department has been busy over the summer months with the reconstruction of Crane Road from County Road 45 to the intersection of Parkis Mills Road; culminating with it being paved in July. A portion of Ridge Road was ditched and paved along with paving the catch basins. Ongoing maintenance included patching gravel and black top roads as well as cutting brush. Cross-culverts were replaced on Jersey Hill and Parkis Mills Roads and currently Dean Lung Road. We have also repaired washouts town-wide due to the heavy rains we have experienced over the summer. The department has assisted the surrounding towns of Ballston, Charlton, Greenfield, Halfmoon and Milton with their construction projects as well as Saratoga County. The department continued summer maintenance with mowing the ROW's, ballfields and the Town Hall.

With the seasonally warmer temperatures our construction season will continue with the paving of Ridge Road from County Road 14 (Crooked St.) to Lake Road, Faber Road and a section of Jersey Hill Road from the town line to Kania. We will continue our overhead brush cutting through the Fall in preparation for the upcoming winter. Once these projects have been finalized the department will switch over to preparing our equipment for winter road maintenance.

As always, there are wood chips and during the winter months, salted sand, available to Town residents. These items are located on the right-hand side of the driveway, before the main gate of the Highway Dept., as you pull into the Town Complex.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Highway Department at 518-882-6651 or on my cell phone at 518-265-0426. You can also email me at [highway@townofgalwayny.org](mailto:highway@townofgalwayny.org).

Dave	Gonzo	Joe	Harry	Buck
Phil	John	Pat	Michele	Julia

### Galway Preservation Society

The Galway Preservation Society meets on each first Monday of the month through June at Galway Town Hall. We start at 7:00 with a social time (great refreshments!), followed by a short business meeting and a program of historical interest which starts at about 7:45. Watch for orange flyers around town or check our website for program details: [galwaypreservationsociety.org](http://galwaypreservationsociety.org).

We also have extensive archives available for research, and *Galway 1900 – 1949, A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York*, a publication of the Galway Preservation Society, is available for purchase at BSNB Galway branch, Galway and Providence Town Halls, and Waterwheel Village. Or we'll mail it for you! The mail order form can be found on our website.

This is the time of year for membership renewals, though you can join at any time throughout the year. If you wish to become a member, come to any meeting, or mail in the membership form found on the website. You are welcome to attend meetings even if you aren't a member, but with annual dues of only \$10 per household, why not support this local history organization?

### Community Grants by the Dockstader Charitable Trust Top 1 Million Dollars

Twice a year the Dockstader Charitable Trust accepts applications from not-for-profit organizations for the funding of projects that benefit the residents of the Galway Central School District. The next application deadline is November 1. To receive more information or to request a grant application form, contact Julie Roy at 882-9101. Applications can be obtained at the Galway Public Library or printed from the web sites of the school or the library. Funds for the trust were provided in the wills of Galway Village residents, Clayton R. Dockstader and his wife Katherine Flickinger Dockstader.

Arlene Rhodes, Corresponding Secretary, Dockstader Charitable Trust  
PO Box 25, Galway, NY 12074 [518-882-1297](tel:518-882-1297)

## HISTORIAN

As recorded in the recently published book *“Galway 1900 – 1949, A Photographic History”*, Galway was, during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a primarily agricultural town consisting of many relatively small farms. Members of these farm families, because of a scarcity of personal transportation, pretty much stayed at home. Fortunately, some necessities of living were brought to their homes by vendors from nearby cities who, in panel trucks, stations wagons, and, of course, horse and buggy or wagon, traveled from farm to farm selling their goods.

There was the “baker” or “breadman” who offered white and rye bread and a variety of tasty baked goods. Those delicious pastries were always quite popular. There was the “meat man” or “butcher” who, with the help of ice, brought fresh meat, cut to order right on the spot, plus sausage, hot dogs, and some deli meats. Although most farmers raised their own vegetables, some items such as celery, head lettuce, oranges, pears, peaches were available from the “vegetable or produce man”.

There was also a “rag man” who traveled around town collecting worn-out clothing for recycling. Another plus, which helped to prevent a buildup of obsolete or worn out farm machinery, was the “junk man” who purchased junk metal from farmers then sold it to recycling centers.

Let’s not forget the need for soaps, shampoos, salves, ointments, supplemental vitamins and other items which would be found in a pharmacy. These were provided by the “Rawliegh man” and the “Watkins” man. These congenial individuals braved barking and growling dogs to deliver their goods to the farm families. Also, back then, there were what was known as “General Stores” located throughout the town. Besides food, these stores sold shoes, boots, shirts, coats, hats, gloves, etc. You name it, they had it. A farmer generally did not have to travel far to get to one of these stores. We would like to salute these general stores, most of which allowed farmers to charge groceries then pay for them at the end of the month, when the “milk check came in”.

Another good thing at the time when transportation was difficult was the mail order catalogs by Sears & Robuck and Montgomery Ward. They brought big department stores shopping as close as your mailbox. In fact, these catalogs offered items that would not be found in department stores. Montgomery Ward at one time sold a small farm tractor and some implements. Items too large to be shipped by mail had to be picked up at a rail station.

Grocery shopping, after large grocery stores came into existence, was made somewhat easier when “Price Chopper Stores” ran a bus service between Galway Village and their store in Amsterdam. Galway’s housewives needed only to drive to the Village and back to get their grocery shopping done. Groceries were placed on the bus in Amsterdam, then, back in the village, transferred to the automobiles.

Fast forward past the popularity of shopping malls to this year of 2017 and observe shopping procedures. In place of the Montgomery Ward and Sears catalogs, people are using their computers, smart phones, tablets, etc. to purchase things and have them shipped to their doorstep or mailbox. Amazon and e-bay are today’s Sears and Montgomery Ward. It appears that the mail order system is still trying to stay alive as droves of catalogs are being mailed out to homes regularly.

Phyllis Keeler, Town Historian

Tom Cwiakala, Deputy Historian

## Galway Seniors

You are welcome to join or visit our meeting (55 years and up). We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at our Galway Town Hall. Start time is 1:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers: October 19<sup>th</sup> – Health Forum: Workshops managing Arthritis and living well with Chronic Pain  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – NYS epic Elderly Pharmaceuticals coverage program with Guest Speaker  
Mr. Mark McLaughlin

Trips: October 4<sup>th</sup> – Contact Dolly at 518-866-2898: Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY. Cost is \$40. Leave the Galway Town Hall at 6:30 a.m. Return at 8pm. Welcome coffee and cake until 10:45 a.m. – Lunch in main dining room at Noon. Choice of Bratwurst with German Potato Salad; Sourbraten with Potato Pancakes or Turkey with Dressing. All meals served with Lentil Soup, Fruit Cup and Coffee or Tea.

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Health Screening Clinic – No cost clinic offered through Saratoga County Public Health/Sponsored by the Saratoga County Office for the Aging. Call 518-584-7460 x 8335 or 8336

Senior Citizens Movie Day: October 12, 2017 – Emerald Cinema, Route 30, Amsterdam, NY. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. (518-842-1861). Movies start at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person includes the movie, popcorn and soda! Thereafter, Hibachi House Buffet is offering Early Bird special for \$.800 per person including tip. Buffet time is 2:30 pm – 3:45pm on movie day ONLY.

## Galway Youth Commission

### Galway Youth Commission Fall Recreation Soccer

Fall Recreation Soccer will be held from Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for youth Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at the Dockstader Recreation Fields. The fields are located on Sacandaga Road across from the Ballston Spa National Bank in Galway. Registration forms are available at the Galway Town Complex, the Galway Joseph Henry Elementary School and the Galway Public Library. Registration will be held throughout the program. For further information, please contact soccer coordinator Samantha Price at 518-866-4360.

### Galway Karate

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes for youth on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm located at the Galway School Junior High Gym or alternate location. Beginner classes are from 7pm to 8pm and Advance Classes are from 8pm to 9pm. Classes are free for youth in the Town of Galway and youth in the towns that participate in the Galway Youth Commission Programs. For further information, contact Karate Instructor Chris Malley at 518-727-0385 or email shinanchris@gemakarate.com.

### The Galway Junior Rifle Club

The Junior Rifle Club is based out of the Galway Fish and Game Club located on Route 29 in Galway. Youth 12 years and older interested in marksmanship and safety training contact Coach Boykin at 518-882-9352.

### Galway Recreation Basketball

Recreation basketball will be held on Saturday mornings at Galway Central School for girls and boys in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade from November through February. For further information, contact Dan Anderson at 518-882-5225.

### Upcoming December Activities

As we approach the month of December, please watch for further information about our free one-day ski pass program at Royal Mountain. Also watch for more information on our free family swim program at the Glenville YMCA over Christmas vacation. In January, information will be sent home on our Pee Wee Wrestling Program held at Galway School on Mondays and Wednesdays through March.

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 group of program volunteers who contribute their time and serve our youth. Your dedication is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to our Galway Youth Commission Board Members!

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

Donna Sowle, Galway Youth Commission Chairman

## **Galway Central School District: Board of Education Meeting Calendar**

### **2017-2018 School Year**

October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Work Session	October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Work Session	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Work Session	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Work Session	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Work Session	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	BOCES Budget Vote (8 AM)
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Work Session / Budget Hearing	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	VOTE (10AM-8PM) Meeting (6:30PM)
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Work Session	June 21	Meeting

### **2018-2019 School Year**

July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Organizational Meeting	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Work Session
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Meeting		

### **Galway Central School District**

The Galway Central School District is off to a great start to the new school year. We are pleased to announce that our district is offering Project Lead the Way Computer Science all the way from kindergarten through grade 12. Starting with this year's kindergarteners, every student will have the opportunity to build knowledge and skills in an engineering and computer science pathway.

Our youngest learners will be taught in a dedicated Project Lead the Way classroom. Kindergarteners will learn through play with Animals and Algorithms. First graders will practice Animated Storytelling. Grade 2 will build skills with Grids and Games. Grade 3 will study Programming Patterns. Grade 4 will gain experience with Input/Output Computer Systems. Grade 5 will study Modeling and Simulation, along with Robotics.

Students in grades 6-8 will develop professional and presentation skills in Project Lead the Way Gateway. This sequence of courses will help students learn how hardware and software work together to create physical computing systems. They will also work in teams to create apps, develop computational skills, and get an overview of computer science.

High School students have the opportunity to take new classes such as Computer Science Principles, Computer Science Essentials, and Computer Science Applications. These programs tie in with our Curriculum for Agricultural Science, which has also expanded for the 2017-18 school year. Students are enjoying new courses including Small Animal Science, Large Animal Science, Wildlife and Resource Management, Floral Design, and Landscape Design.

"The school district received a \$54,000 gift from a Galway alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous," said Superintendent Shannon Shine. "This very generous donation helped us complete the K-12 Project Lead the Way continuum."

The \$54,000 gift provided teachers with the support they needed to develop and teach these new classes and to transform portions of both the High School and Joseph Henry Elementary School libraries into Makerspaces where students can design, build, and experiment with their own inventions.

The district encourages all residents to stay up-to-date with the latest news through its new website at [www.galwaycsd.org](http://www.galwaycsd.org) and by liking our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/GalwayCSD](https://www.facebook.com/GalwayCSD). We also encourage Golden Eagles fans to follow us on Twitter @GalwayAthletics.

### The Galway Public Library

Galway Public Library had a busy and successful Summer Reading Program. The kids who turned in slips for prizes read a total of 1500 hours! Every child who participated was able to choose a free book, and many received prizes, thanks to all of our donors & sponsors: BSNB, Stewart's Shops, Art in Mind Studio, Creative Sparks, Friends of Galway Public Library, Saratoga County Youth Bureau, and the Ashman and Pandori families. We finished up the summer with our Community Ice Cream Social on August 25th. Thanks to Stewart's Shops for the ice cream and toppings, and to the Friends of the Library for scooping it. Music was provided by Rob Przedwiecki of *Happenstance*, and his wife.

Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh attended the Ice Cream Social to announce the \$13,000 budget aid she secured for the library's New Building Fund. Library Board of Trustees President Arlene Rhodes spoke about the next steps toward the new building, which include approval of the architect's final plans and a fundraising goal of \$350,000. This amount will be added to the voter-approved bond money and the funds already pledged, for a total of \$2,567,000, the cost of the new building project. To raise the \$350,000, the library is actively seeking government grants and grants from private foundations, as well as community support. Groundbreaking for the new library is tentatively scheduled for mid-spring of 2018 with a grand opening in the summer of 2019.

Our ongoing programs for adults include tech classes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays each month, our Writers' Group, Open Art Sessions and book discussions. Our new Afternoon Tea at 3:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month gives adults a chance to relax and visit with others. A Mahjong group will be starting in October, with registration required, to be sure we have enough sets. All programs and classes welcome newcomers! Our kids' programs continue to meet throughout the school year. We have Artful Mondays, Story Hour, a Teen Book Discussion, Tinker Tuesday, Cosmic Kids Yoga, Lego Club, Pokemon, Makerspace, Read to the Therapy Dog, a new Coding Club – and more! Registration is requested for programs. Call 518-882-6385 or stop in at the library to learn more.

We're pleased with the outreach of our Galway Get Together website directory, the Facebook page, and the bi-weekly print/email editions. We're getting so many submissions to the print versions that it's sometimes hard to fit everything in! Community events are also included on the Community Calendar on the library's website and the GGT website, and they're listed in our weekly emailed newsletters. We want everybody to know what's going on at the library and around the community!

Contact GGT at [galwaygettogether@gmail.com](mailto:galwaygettogether@gmail.com). Find the Galway Get Together and the Galway Public Library on Facebook. View our websites: [www.galwaypubliclibrary.org](http://www.galwaypubliclibrary.org) and [galwaygettogether.org](http://galwaygettogether.org). You can reach the library at 518-882-6385, or email Library Manager Deb Flint: [gal-director@sals.edu](mailto:gal-director@sals.edu).

A partial list of our new books includes:

Kids' picture books: *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi; *Mermaid* by Jan Brett

Fiction for kids: *Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race* by Chris Grabenstein; *Big Nate & the Good Old Fashioned Wedgie* by Lincoln Peirce; *Tiger Heart's Shadow* by Erin Hunter

YA Fiction: *Eliza and Her Monsters* by Francesca Zappia; *An Uninterrupted View of the Sky* by Melanie Crowder

Adult Fiction: *A Column of Fire* by Ken Follet; *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng; *Sleeping Beauties* by Stephen & Owen King; *A House Among the Trees* by Julia Glass; *The Red-Haired Woman* by Orhan Pamuk; *Glass Houses* by Louise Penny

Adult Non-Fiction: *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me* by Sherman Alexie; *Sargent's Women* by Donna Lucey; *History of a Disappearance* by Flip Springer

## Memory Tree – Galway Lioness Club

The Galway Lioness announces the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, Hospice of Saratoga, Regional Food Bank for Galway, Town of Galway Summer Program, the Gateway House of Peace, the Annual Senior Class Breakfast, and a scholarship for a Galway High School senior.

**Please join us for the tree lighting on November 26, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Bring a flashlight. After the tree is lit, we will move to Galway United Methodist Church for reading of the names, carols and refreshments.**

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  
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Smith = a \$2.00 donation

Donation in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

Family Fun Day 2017 – Celebrating our Youth

The Galway Youth Commission and the Town of Galway sponsored Family Fun Day 2017 on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 the kids loved 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 and crafts, DJ music by “Small Town Sound: and a new attraction Viscosi Photography Phot Booth with a variety of cool props which kids and adults enjoyed immensely. 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 safety information and fun goodies to the children and their families.

The children got to meet the following people and explore their vehicles: members of the Galway Emergency Medical Service/exploring ambulances; members of the Galway Fire Company/see the fire trucks as well as the gear and tools firefighters use; the Haganan Fire Smoke Safety House and crew; and the Village of Galway Police Department/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 for safety. We had a great Karate Demonstration by the Galway Karate Club enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who made Family Fun Day 2017 possible. Our very dedicated Family Fun Day Committee, many youth volunteers including Scout groups, members of the National Honor Society as well as many other youth volunteers and our adult volunteers. Also a special thank you to our Galway Town Board including JoAnne Peregrin-Grant for helping to serve the delicious hot dogs and pizza, the Town staff, the Town Highway Department and the Village of Galway for their \$500 donation for helping make our Family Fun Day possible.

With everyone’s support “Family Fun Day 2017 – Celebrating our Youth” was a great success!

**Galway Youth Commission  
Youth Referral Service**

For youth 14 years of age and older, seeking babysitting,  
housework,  
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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