

# Galway Reader

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## Supervisor

Dear Galway Residents

It is with great sadness that I have to open this edition of the Galway Reader discussing the very unfortunate and untimely passing of Supervisor Paul Lent. Paul was a friend, and great mentor to me over the last 5+ years. Paul's passing was a very hard time for all of us who have worked so closely with Paul and reminded us all how short life can be. His passing was a solid punch to the gut that we all are still feeling today.

But as Paul would have wanted we must all take what we have learned from him and move on. Many things have happened in the 3 months since Paul's passing. Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold stepped in immediately and assumed the duties of Supervisor and on July 25<sup>th</sup> with the full support of the Board, Fred appointed me Supervisor to finish out the 2018 year.

I will not lie - I was scared to death the first month and hoped that I could remember everything I learned from Paul and hoped I could fill his shoes! There were many issues and topics that Paul was working on and the largest was that of the Galway Ambulance. As many of you know, the Galway Ambulance(GEMS) has been responding to the emergency medical needs of the Galway community for many years; but in recent years, due to multiple reasons, GEMS has experienced some major financial difficulties. The Town Board has worked very closely with GEMS and vice versa. The Board made the decision that the best way to move the Ambulance service forward is to create an Ambulance tax district. Creating the district provides for the most transparent way to continue to fund this essential service. The Board has subsequently passed a resolution to set a public referendum vote on October 17, 2018; the Board and myself felt that this was a decision bigger than us and that we wanted the people of Galway to ultimately decide the best path forward.

Additionally, this summer has seen the approvals granted by the zoning and planning boards to build a Dollar General store on the southeast corner of state routes 29 and 147. Ground breaking is to start as this publication goes to press. The Town Board has also appointed Mr. David DeVall to the Town Justice position vacated by the retirement of Justice Cappone in May. Currently the Board is working very diligently to construct the 2019 Town budget.

In closing, I take the position of Supervisor very seriously and want all residents to know my door is always open and I commit to doing the best job I can in filling the shoes of Supervisor of our great Town! Please feel free to stop in or give me a call I look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Galway the best I can!

Michael Smith

## Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadline for the Winter Edition - 2018 will be **at 4 pm** on: *Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2018*

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.

### **Galway Preservation Society**

The Galway Preservation Society usually meets the first Monday of each month, at the Galway Town Hall. Our meetings start at 7:00 with refreshments and social time, followed by a short business meeting at 7:30 and a program of historical interest which begins at approximately 7:45. The Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> program is *How Silent and Stern this Fate Looms: World War I and the Influenza Epidemic of 1918*, presented by Anne Clothier, Director of Education at Saratoga County Historical Society at Brookside Museum. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will feature an interview conducted in the 1980s with Agnes Donnan.

You may join the GPS at any time, although you do not need to be a member to attend the meetings. Membership dues is \$10 per household and may be mailed to: Galway Preservation Society, PO Box 276, Galway, NY 12074. Please include name, address, phone and email, and mention any areas of interest. All members receive the GPS newsletter during the months we meet.

Our book, *Galway 1900-1949, A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York*, is still available for purchase at the Galway branch of the BSNB, and Galway & Providence Town Halls. Mail order forms are on our website: [www.galwaypreservationsociety.org](http://www.galwaypreservationsociety.org).

### **Dockstader Charitable Trust**

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.

# HISTORIAN

This year of 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War I, also known as “the Great WAR” or the “War to end all Wars”. The end was on November 11, 1918 followed by the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. Although this war began in 1914, the United States remained neutral until April 6, 1917 when it entered the war by declaring war on Germany, following attacks on U.S. shipping. The event that led to the war happened on June 28, 1914, when a Serb patriot schoolboy, Gavrilo Princip assassinated the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife in Sarajevo.

Woodrow Wilson, 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States (1918-1921), reluctantly asked Congress for the declaration of war on Germany because German submarines continued to sink American vessels. President Wilson, in 1913 instituted the first constitutional Federal income tax. In 1814 he established the Federal Trade Commission. It was his idea that there be a League of Nations. His efforts won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1919.

By the time World War I began, the industrial revolution had armed both sides with powerful weapons: machine guns, tanks, high explosive artillery shells, gas, aircraft and submarines. Aircraft played an important role after a French pilot, Roland Garras decided to mount a machine gun on to his plane. This turned into one of those “oops, back to the drawing board” situations when he realized that he had shot the blades off his propeller. A Dutchman, Anthony Fokker, with proper gearing, checked the gun’s firing when the blades were in front of the muzzle.

The recently published book, “Galway 1900-1949”, on page 125 is a really great photo of Luella and William Dabinett. William survived a near death situation in France in 1918. The book also lists the names of 21 men in Galway who had enlisted. There are still copies of this book available for purchase at the Galway branch of the BSNB and the Galway and Providence Town Halls.

The American Legion magazine is publishing articles about WWI. The organization, the American Legion, began in 1919 and publishes monthly magazine for its members.

Phyllis Keeler, Town Historian

Tom Cwiakala, Deputy Historian

## **BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

**NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT Beginning October 2, 2018**, the building inspector/code enforcement officer will have office hours on **TUESDAY EVENINGS from 4:30 - 6:00 and SATURDAY mornings from 8:30 to 11:00**. Additionally, he will continue to be available most other evenings BY APPOINTMENT. Please call Chet at 518-514-8012.

Also as a reminder (as winter will be upon us all too soon), **in the case of inclement weather**, Chet may not be available on Tuesday evenings due to his County DPW job. **Please call ahead** before coming in when we are experiencing such conditions.

Town hall #: 518-882-6070; Chet's cell #518-514-8012.

### **The Galway Junior Rifle Club**

The Galway Junior Rifle Club has been in existence for over 40 years, and in that time has trained hundreds of local youth in safe gun handling and marksmanship. We live in a rural community where firearms ownership is very common, and it's reasonable to expect that sometime during our kid's growing up process, they're going to be exposed to firearms. A little safety training can only help when that happens. In addition, those who like to hunt will find that marksmanship training will help them become more productive and successful hunters.

The Junior Club is open to all kids in the area between 12 and 17 years old. The Club supplies all the necessary equipment free of charge except for ammo (which we sell at our cost – or you're welcome to bring your own). New shooters are required to take and pass a safety course before they start shooting. All shooting is closely supervised by several qualified instructors. Shooters start shooting in a prone position (lying down) and have to advance through several skill levels. Prizes and awards are given each time they reach a new skill level. After mastering prone, shooters proceed to sitting, kneeling, and finally the standing position. This entire progression normally takes several years

Within the Club, there is a smaller group that shoots competitively. They practice more and shoot in tournaments on weekends. This group has been very successful, winning many regional and State Championships, and Division 1 college scholarships. Currently, one of our alumni is shooting for the United States at the World Championship Matches in Europe and South Korea. Most of the Junior Club members, if they stick with the program, will be asked if they would like to shoot competitively – some do, some don't – it's entirely up to them. The opportunity is there if they wish to pursue it.

The Junior Club normally shoots from September until April or May. There is normally a waiting list to join the Club. Open positions are filled on a first-come, first served basis, so if you know of someone who is interested, or if you just have some questions, call Coach Chuck Boykin 518 882 9352. Don't wait – call now.

## The Galway Seniors Group

The Galway Seniors Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. sharp at the Galway Town Hall.

If you are 55 years old, you are welcome to join or visit our meeting. Please call 518-882-9153 for more information.

One the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month - weather permitting – starting October 11, 2018 is:

SENIOR CITIZEN MOVIE DAY AT EMERALD CINEMAS LOCATED ON ROUTE 30 IN AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 and will include popcorn, soda and the movie. Thereafter Hibachi House Buffet is offering an early bird special for \$9 per person including the tip. Buffet time is 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and is offered on MOVIE DAY ONLY! Call Liz at 518-882-6153 for more information.

October 4, 2018 – Spencer – Galway Ambulance Emergency Medical Services, Beth Ruman

October 18, 2018 – 2 Speakers in 2 Separate Rooms: Main Room: Speaker Ed Pike of the Galway Lions Club will speak on Eye, Hearing, Diabetes. Board Room: Public Health Screening, No appointment is necessary and will include Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and Glucose Screeing.

November 1, 2018 – Office of the Aging will hold a public hearing.

November 15, 2018 – Local Author Mary Perez, speaking on “Barn”.

November 16, 2018 – FRIDAY at 1:00 p.m. SHARP! – DAV (Disabled American Veterans); Fulfilling our promises – Speaker: Mr. William Gibney. This will be an informational seminar on available benefits for Veterans and their families.

SENIOR TRIP: November 19, 2018 – Log Cabin, Holyoke MA. The cost is \$60 and is due by October 18<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. Branson Country Christmas and Veterans Show. Lunch: Crudit , hot soup du jour, chicken piccata, yankee post roast, potatoes, vegetable and homemade dessert all served family style. Call Dolly at 518-866-2898 to make your reservation. For more information on our group, please visit the Galway Town website, click on Senior Trips.

Chair yoga is held every Monday for 1 hour and the cost is \$3. This is held at the Galway Town Hall in the Community Room at 11:00 a.m. Walk-ins Welcome!

Any questions, please call Liz at 518-882-9152 or Dan at 518-882-6749

## Galway Youth Commission

### Family Fun Day 2018 – Celebrating Our Youth

The Town of Galway Youth Commission sponsored Family Fun Day 2018 on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Town of Galway Complex. We had a great turnout of around 400 people who enjoyed a wide variety of activities. Many of our community volunteer organizations participated and shared safety information. A special thank you to all of our volunteers who made Family Fun Day 2018 possible. Our very dedicated Family Fun Day Committee, our Galway Town Board, the Town Staff, the Highway Department, many youth volunteers including Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts and Leaders, as well as our many adult volunteers! Also, a special Thank You for all of our donations: Village of Galway \$500; Town of Providence \$350; Stewarts Shops at Route 9 and Route 147 for cups; Hannaford of Amsterdam for cups and napkins; Price Chopper of Amsterdam for cups. This is a totally free day for our youth and their families. With everyone's support Family Fun Day 2018 was a great success!

### Galway Youth Commission Fall Recreation Soccer

Fall Recreation Soccer Program will be starting on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for youth Pre-K through 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 is ongoing throughout the program. Registration forms are available at the Galway Town Complex, the Galway Joseph Henry Elementary School and the Galway Public Library. For further information, please contact Soccer Coordinator/Instructor Samantha Price at 518-866-4360.

### Galway Karate Club

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Galway High School Dining room. Classes are free for youth in the Town of Galway and for youth in the towns in our School District 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](mailto:shinanchris@gemakarate.com)

### 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 or Assistant Kyle Donnan at 518-813-8024.

### Galway Recreation Basketball

Due to the current Galway School District Construction Project we are not sure when gyms will be available for use. The school district currently has only 2 gyms available for school sports. Recreation Basketball Coach Dan Anderson will let the community know if and when we might be able to use the gyms. The Recreation Basketball Program is for girls and boys in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When we know more information, we will contact you thru flyers, email, etc.

## Galway Youth Commission - continued

### Upcoming December Activities

As we approach the month of December, please watch for further information about our free one-day ski pass program, which includes equipment, at Royal Mountain. This will be offered to youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> on a first come/first served basis due to limited tickets. When this program is available, information flyers will be available at the Galway High School Office. Also watch for information on our free Family Swim Program at the Glenville YMCA over Christmas vacation.

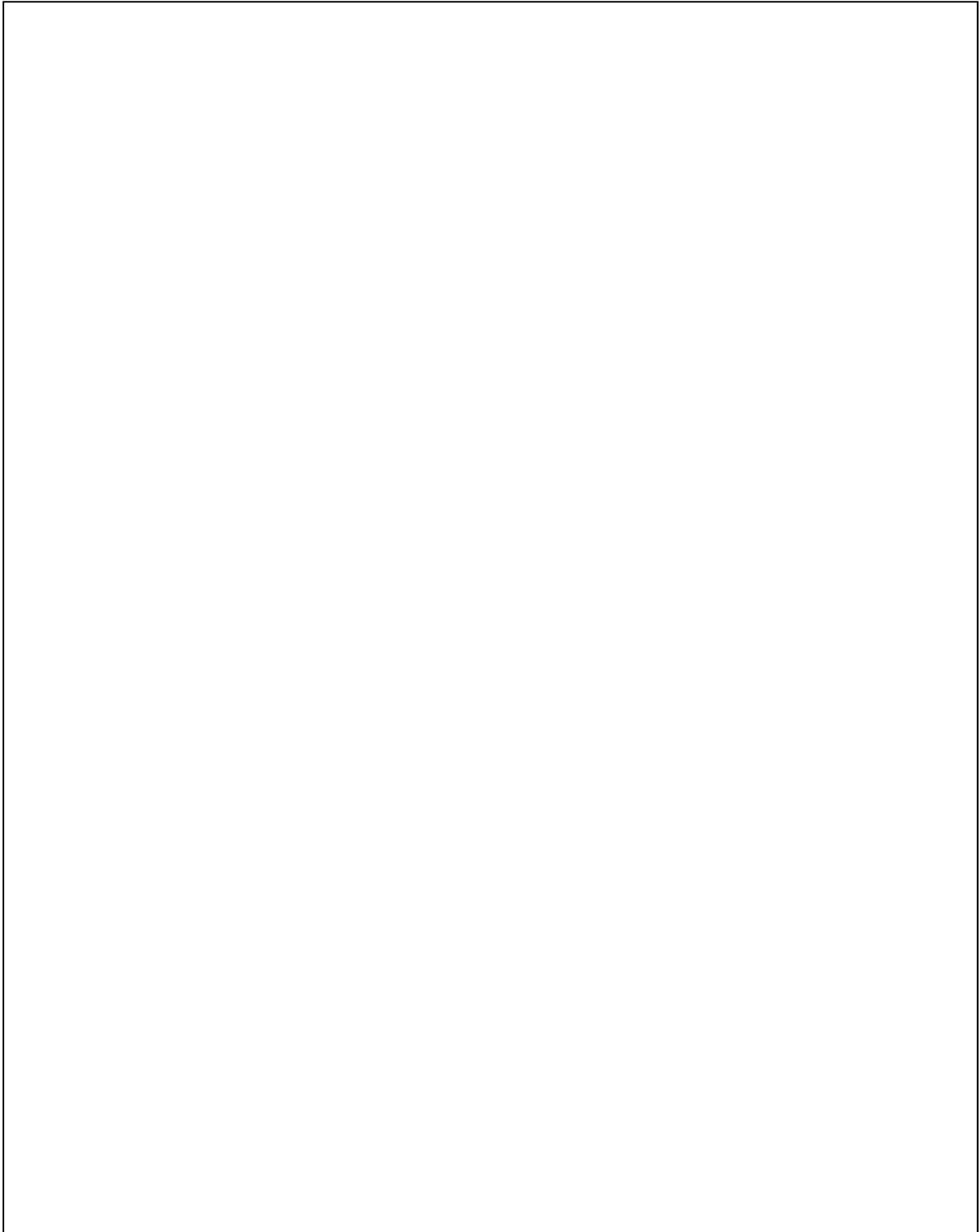
In January or before, information will be sent home about our Pee Wee Wrestling Program held at Galway School, if still available, on Mondays and Wednesdays through the end of March for youth 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

A special thank you goes out to all of our local businesses, and community service organizations and Galway Central School District for their continued support and donations to the Galway Youth Commission. 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 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!! The best gift we can give our youth is our time!

This has been a difficult year for our Town of Galway with the sudden death of our former Town of Galway Supervisor Paul Lent. Paul was very supportive of our Galway Youth and our Galway Youth Commission Board. When I attended Paul's Memorial Service, I learned more about Paul and all he accomplished in his life. Our Town of Galway had to pull together, which Paul would have wanted us to do, and keep things going. I commend Councilman Mike Smith for accepting the appointment to serve as our Town of Galway Supervisor for the remainder of the term. Mike has met with many of the Town Board Members, the Town Employees, the Departments and Committees.

Thank you, Mike, for your support for our Galway Youth Commission! As the saying goes, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!". Paul would have wanted us all to work together as we have. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Paul's family and friends.





## Memory Tree – Galway Lioness Club

The Galway Lioness announces the 24th 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 25, 2018 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.

## SPECIAL ELECTION AMBULANCE DISTRICT INFORMATION

A Special Election for the purpose of approving the creation of an Ambulance District and setting the maximum amount of tax to be raised will be held:

**LOCATION:** Galway Town Hall

**DATE:** Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018

**TIME:** 6 AM until 9 PM

Voting will be limited to those individuals who are registered voters or who are eligible to register to vote and have resided in the Town of Galway for thirty days preceding the special election and either own an interest in taxable real property situate within the borders of the Town of Galway, or are an officer, agent or authorized representative of a corporation, trust, Limited Liability Company or other legal entity which owns an interest in taxable real property situate within the borders of the Town of Galway.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ANY INFORMATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT

#### BRING YOUR QUESTIONS

**Galway Town Hall:**

September 26, 2018—5 PM—8 PM

October 10, 2018—5 PM—8 PM

**Ambulance Station:**

October 3, 2018—10 AM—9 PM

### PROPOSED LEVY

The current contract with the Town of Galway is for \$80,000 per year. The proposed tax levy is \$136,000 for 2019.

The current referendum estimates that the cost per home would be:

\$44.46 for a home valued at \$150,000 and assessed at \$79,500, \$59.28 for a home valued at \$200,000 and assessed at \$106,000, just under \$5 a month.

This vote is for continued emergency medical services for the Town of Galway with the goal of providing lifesaving help as economically as possible.

What GEMS provides the communities is a fully equipped Ambulance Station, that carries no mortgage, located near the center of Galway.

The funding being requested and these challenges are common with smaller community emergency services organizations.

#### Current Challenges

##### Reduction in corps volunteer staffing:

- Two income families are more prevalent.
- Certification requirements for EMTs and Paramedics.
- Time requirements - training, drills, etc. for members.
- ALS requires 24/7 coverage at corps building and to be in route within three minutes of a call.

##### Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement:

- Medicaid pays only 20% of what is billed.
- Medicare pays 49% of what is billed.
- 42% of all calls are Medicaid/Medicare.

### YOUR YES VOTE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATIONED IN YOUR TOWN.
- THE BEST ODDS OF SURVIVING A HEART ATTACK (THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH) OR STROKE BY HAVING PARAMEDICS PROVIDE TIME SENSITIVE PRE-HOSPITAL "CARDIAC OR STROKE PROTOCOL" LIFE SUPPORT.
- THE BEST WAY TO LIMIT THE RISK OF BLEEDING TO DEATH IN THE CASE OF SEVERE TRAUMA.
- THE BEST ROAD TO A SAFER AND HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.

**IS \$5 A MONTH WORTH SAVING A FAMILY MEMBER'S OR COMMUNITY MEMBER'S LIFE?**

**Thank you to all of our community members who continually support our efforts!!!**

***SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

**RESOLUTION 172 - 2018**

**Introduced by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors**

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF PAUL E. LENT**

WHEREAS, PAUL E. LENT unexpectedly passed away on June 22, 2018 after an accident on his farm; and

WHEREAS, PAUL E. LENT was born on July 22, 1952, grew up in the Town of Corinth and graduated from Corinth High School; and

WHEREAS, PAUL attended Grahm College in Boston, graduating with a degree in communications. PAUL started his public service career in 1974 as a Deputy for the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department. On November 21, 1977 PAUL was appointed by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors as Director of Civil Defense for Saratoga County, a position that was later renamed by the Board to Director of Emergency Services. PAUL served as Director until June, 1990 when he went to work as a consultant in the private sector with RCC and Crown Castle Communications; and

WHEREAS, during his initial tenure with the County, PAUL's accomplishments were many and significant, and included: the allocation of millions of gallons of fuel during the energy crisis of the late 1970's; the creation of a STOP/DWI Plan for the County, which was the second such program in the State and one whose educational component for children received favorable national recognition; the creation of a paramedic Emergency Medical Service for Saratoga County through the use of grant funds; the coordination of the implementation of an Emergency 911 System in the County; and the improvement and upgrading of the County's emergency communications system; and

WHEREAS, PAUL returned to the County in March, 2006 when the Board of Supervisors again appointed him to the position of Director of Emergency Services. PAUL's impressive record of public safety accomplishments in Saratoga County continued as he oversaw the design, construction and implementation of the County's Emergency Communications Radio System, including the erection of new radio towers and major upgrades to the County's emergency communications equipment, that brought true interoperability to all emergency services providers within Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, PAUL was appointed Supervisor for the Town of Galway by the Galway Town Board in November, 2013, and then elected as Supervisor for a term commencing January 1, 2014 and re-elected in November, 2017. PAUL was a member of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors serving on the Public Health, Equalization and Assessment, Law & Finance, Racing & Gaming Committees, and for the past three years as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee where he was instrumental in advocating for and advancing plans for the design of a new County Public Safety Facilities Building; and

WHEREAS, PAUL was an active and valuable member of his community serving as the Assistant Draft Horse Superintendent for the Saratoga County Fair and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, PAUL will always be remembered by those he worked with here at the County for his congenial nature, the breadth of his knowledge and expertise in the area of public safety, and his sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this Board commemorate the passing of our friend and colleague; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Saratoga expresses its sense of loss and its sincere sympathies upon the death of PAUL E. LENT to his beloved family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the family of PAUL E. LENT.

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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 518-882-1347

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