



Whitesboro Village News

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From the Mayor's Desk

From time to time I hear comments such as ... "Isn't it a big headache to run the village?" or "why would you want the hassles of being mayor?" In reply, I can honestly answer the first question "No, I enjoy the opportunity to run our village." The answer to the second being, I truly care about the well-being of this village.

We have highly qualified and dedicated department heads – highway, police, fire, and codes departments – village clerk & deputy clerk as well as a competent and caring board of trustees, all of whom handle day to day issues with utmost compassion.

On average, I travel all streets and neighborhoods within the village every six to eight weeks, giving me a "feel" of the state of our village. Tying this in with public comment, there are certain issues which need continued attention and enforcement.

- ✍ Trash set out too soon on collection days
- ✍ Upkeep of properties (mowing and trimming)
- ✍ Junk vehicles
- ✍ Signs and bills on village rights-of-way

There are other issues and I'm sure to some of our residents these may seem "picky" but this is how we present our selves. We should all be concerned with our image. After all, if we look good we tend to feel good.

Local laws and codes are in effect that address these issues as well, mechanisms are in place to amend existing or develop new guidelines to help improve the attractiveness of our village.

Working with, as well, as sharing ideas and procedures with our neighboring villages and town governments has been productive in creating uniformity, while still maintaining our individuality and identity.

In conclusion, I feel satisfied with the direction we are headed.

Sincerely,
Richard E. Pugh, Mayor

Summer Notes

by Trustee Joe Lazenby

It is hard to believe that our summer programs are over and it is time to reorganize and thank our playground staff, churches, historical society and the bands connected with the “Music in the Park” program.

I have had great pride in the well-coordinated playground program run by Courtney Roberts, Amy Kurtelawecz and Christopher Dobyňa. Activities each week included guest speakers and programs, as well as, a weekly swim at Marcy Pool. The program culminated with a trip to Enchanted Forest and a picnic. Next summer, if your children are looking for something to do, try the activities at our Flagg Street Playground.

Our “Music in the Park” program was well attended and it seemed that each Wednesday we were threatened with a “rain out.” Fortunately, we were able to have most all bands play. It is a personal pleasure for me to select a variety of music for your listening pleasure, and I’m happy to say each of the many groups want to come back to Whitesboro next season. It can be a difficult decision with about 20 groups and 12 weeks. I’d like to recognize and thank the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches for the delicious food and the Historical Society for their weekly displays and participation. Wednesday night’s “Music in the Park” program is a great way to get out and meet your neighbors and friends in Whitesboro.

It’s been a long time coming but, this summer we were able to demolish the long standing abandoned gas station on Main St. Our board was faced with first, acquiring the property, dealing with all agencies about the possible ground contamination and asbestos problems then finally the demolition bid process. Thanks to our contractor, Dan Caruso, and our highway department we now have a beautifully maintained grass park in its place.

It’s been a great summer and now it’s time to move on to fall activities. Where did it go?

Codes Department Reminders

by Chet Kowalski, Codes Enforcement Officer

With the building season well underway, it’s time once again to advise you when planning any improvements a building permit may be required. When planning or ordering your pool or shed or other improvement, this is the time to start the permit process. Again, this year the village experienced numerous additions, sheds and pools, all of which help to reinforce the way this community is looked at: a Good Place to live.



Main Street, Whitesboro, NY in the mid 1800s

When hiring a contractor, be sure he has New York State Workers Compensation Insurance. This is NYS Law, and it is for your protection, as well as for his/her employees. Furthermore, be sure that the contractor is familiar with the 2003 New York State Building Code. A little advanced preparation can save unnecessary delays in processing your application for a permit.

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The new Whitesboro Police Station at 46 Roosevelt Dr. is taking shape both inside and out. The highway department has been a big help getting the station ready. An open house is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2003 from 12 PM – 3 PM. There will be displays and refreshments. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

Please welcome our new full-time Police Officer, Matthew J. Sica II, who was recently appointed to the police department. He graduated from the Police Academy in 2001 and has furthered his training in the field of evidence and as a safety technician. Patrolman Sica is involved with Edwards Ambulance Service and the Yorkville Fire Department. If you see Officer Sica welcome him to Whitesboro.

There have been several new laws enacted and some modifications to existing laws. Some of the changes are noted below. The new smoking ban prohibits smoking in public places. Violations of the new law can be reported to the Oneida County Environmental Health Department at 798-5064. The legal limit of Driving While Intoxicated has been changed to .08%. Any person under the age of 16 must be properly restrained while in the backseat of a vehicle. Use of mobile telephones while driving is prohibited. History Bicentennial plates have been replaced with new series plates.

With school opening just around the corner, please remember to exercise caution while driving. Currently, there is no existing entertainment for youth at 3:00 AM. Knowing this, please keep track of where your children are at all times for their own safety. September is “be kind to your neighbor” month.

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“The most wasted of all days is one without laughter”

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Flagg Street Playground

The Flagg Street Playground Summer Program had another successful year. All the children enjoyed visits from the Utica Zoomobile, presentations by the Red Cross on “What To Do Till Help Arrives” and “Home Alone,” Fire Prevention and Fire Safety by the Whitesboro Fire Department, Bike Safety by Officer Rob Maciol of the Whitesboro Police Department, “Drug and Alcohol Awareness” by the Mohawk Valley Council, “Internet Safety and Rules For Safety” by the Sara Wood Program, the Whitesboro Highway Department came by with some of their equipment, a volleyball game between the children and the police department, a day trip to Enchanted Forest/Water Safari, daily activities such as arts & crafts, kickball, softball, water balloon tosses and so much more.

The program ended on Friday, August 22, 2003 with a picnic filled with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, snow cones, homemade desserts, a talent show and games with fun activities. Next year will be just as enjoyable. Remember the Flagg Street Playground Summer Program runs Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for approximately eight weeks in the summer. Call the village office for the opening date 2004. One important point to remember, this program is not for day care purposes.

Parades and Notes of Interest

by Trustee Margaret Stephenson

Thank you to all who participated and attended our July 4th Parade. Hope you enjoyed it. Also, thanks to the Whitesboro Historical Society for their float and the eighteen youths who decorated their bikes in red, white, and blue, both are new additions to parade this year. All youths received a prize and a free ice cream cone, donated by Sis and Walt Furman of B&F Dairy. Monetary prizes were donated by Reeders Service. Our special thanks to Mary (Bellamy) Satterlee, Kevin Alexander Construction, Whitesboro Alumni Association, Whitesboro Teachers Association, and VFW Post 6001 for their support.

Our Veterans Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 2 PM. We will be looking for children of those presently serving in the Military or Reserves to march in our parade along with our Veterans. The Grand Marshal and guest speaker at services in the park will be Col. Robert Marr, Commander of the Northeast Air Defense Sector. For more information please contact Margaret Stephenson at 736-5088. More about this parade will be in our next newsletter.

We are still having a problem with vandalism in our Village Park. Our park is there to enjoy, not destroy. The Village will press conviction and restitution from those who are responsible.

A reminder to those dog owners who forget their "scoopers," when visiting the park or walking the village streets. Please be considerate of those attending events in the park, those who maintain it, and your neighbors along the village streets.

Fire Department News

On August 9, 2003 the fire department participated in the Annual Oneida County Convention's parade and truck judging contest. We're pleased to announce Engine 3 won best pumper for over 25 years of age in the county. Congratulations to the firefighters who worked diligently to prepare the engine for the convention.

The fire department recently purchased two automatic external defibrillators (AED) to be used with their emergency medical responses. These AED's were purchased through funds collected in the annual fund drive and response donations. This equipment will allow the emergency medical technicians a quicker manner in which they can provide life saving services to its residents. One AED will be kept on First Assistant Chief Duane Evan's Chief 3 vehicle which will allow us to provide immediate service during various times of the day, and one will be kept with EMT Thomas Rondeau, our ALS provider for the evening. This is one way in which your donations from the annual door-to-door fund drive will help save a life.



Babbitt Hose Cart

We encourage all residents to be aware of the students and school buses as they begin another school year transporting children to and from school in the Whitesboro School District.

The annual Take-Out and Delivery Only Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, October 12 from noon until sold out. For takeout or delivery, please call the fire station at 736-1238 after 11:30 AM on the day of the BBQ. We encourage you to come early, as our past Chicken BBQ's have been a sell out!

The fire department's softball team won the 32 team NYS Volunteer Firemen's Softball Class B Tournament at the Firemen's Home-on-the-Hudson during the weekend of August 1, 2, and 3. This is the first State Championship for the fire department's softball team.

Planning Board Updates

by Steve Cox, Chairman

A preliminary draft of the village's revised Comprehensive Plan will be available for public review this fall. After a yearlong data-gathering process, the Planning Board is now turning its attention to fleshing out a completed plan based on the top goals identified by village residents. The plan will contain quantifiable objectives and detailed action plans for implementing those objectives, to provide village leaders with a blueprint for years to come.

Once a draft is completed, the Planning Board will host a public forum to introduce it to residents and Village Officials. Revisions will be made based on the input received from residents before a final draft is presented to the Village Board, who would hold at least one Public Hearing on the plan before final adoption. The Comprehensive Plan will be a blueprint to guide physical growth, land use regulations, and community development action strategies. The plan was last updated in 1979.

The planning process began in earnest last year with two well-attended public sessions, a Community Visioning workshop in November and a Community Image Survey in December. Two separate questionnaires were also issued to residents and to businesses asking 29 questions on key issues related to the future of the village. The Planning Board incorporated the thoughts, opinions, hopes, and aspirations of the citizenry into the plan through these successful public events. Planning Board members are grateful to the many village residents who have taken the time to attend these sessions and return their surveys.

Professional planning consultant Nan Stolzenburg, AICP, founder and CEO of Community Planning & Environmental Associates, which has offices in Albany and West Berne, NY, has been instrumental in moving the project forward and bringing the latest in technology and innovation to benefit Whitesboro's efforts. A member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, Stolzenburg specializes in land use and comprehensive planning, community involvement strategies, environmental and demographic analysis, zoning and land use regulations, site reviews, and environmental impact assessment. She holds masters degrees from the University of Massachusetts and SUNY University at Albany.

Planning Board members include Chairman Steven Cox, John Duda, Robert Friedlander, Joseph Malecki, and Robert Saunders. The board meets regularly at 7 PM the first Tuesday of each month and meetings are always open to the public.



*Whitesboro, NY in 1891
Created/Published Troy : L.R. Burleigh, 1891.*

A Tribute To The Erie Canal

by Judy A. Mallozzi, Village Historian

Are you wondering what is happening on the corner of Roosevelt Drive and Westmoreland Street? A new park is being established as a memorial to the workers and businesses that were part of the bustling old Erie Canal, during the 1800's and early 1900's.

The Whitesboro Historical Society hopes to transform the village owned vacant lot into a fitting tribute, using money from 50/50 drawings at band concerts in the park. Planting has already begun and a formal ground breaking will take place October 18, 2003.

Some of the businesses to be honored are Sperry's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop (Blvd. across from park), Stephenson's Store (Fovel's barbershop), Denton and Waterbury's Lumber Co. (Colonial Plaza) and Symonds' Store (Blvd. Auto). In a 1952 interview with Utica OD reporter David Beetle, 81-year-old Mr. Symonds told of up to 4,000 canal boats traveling the canal, most stopping at the store. Canallers could get 2,000-gallon tanks filled with natural spring water piped down from Foster Street, enough to get them to Buffalo if lucky. As they waited sampling homemade ice cream they could purchase products such as milk at 2 ½ cents a quart, eggs one cent each, cheese from the cheese factory at the corner of Watkins Street, three lbs. for 25 cents, overcoats for \$2.50, and a canal favorite salt pork 10 cents.



Changing mules on the Erie Canal

Work was hard for the people who built the Erie Canal and those who kept it going. This part of Whitesboro History should be remembered.

The Whitesboro Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of the month except December and January. The meetings are held at 10 Moseley Street, Whitesboro, NY 13492. Individual membership is \$10 and payment may be made out to and sent directly to the historical society at the address above. There are also other types of membership available. Call 736-1613 for more information.

Highway Update

The village will be holding one more Trash Day on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at the highway garage located at 330 Main St.. Hours are 7:30 AM -11:30 AM.

Residents may bring their trash metals, building materials and other trash (no household trash, hazardous materials, computers, paints, batteries, etc.). Large tag tickets will be available at \$5.00 per item for large items such as appliances, rugs, hot water tanks, furniture, etc. Tires off the rim will be accepted at a \$3.00 per item fee. Please do not bring these items if you are not ready to pay the fee. **RESIDENTS MUST BE READY TO SHOW PROOF THAT THEY ARE A VILLAGE RESIDENT.**

Fall season is just around the corner. Soon it will be time for leaf pickup. Our weekly green waste pickup will end October 10,2003, and will resume in the spring. The highway department would like your cooperation with leaf pickup. Residents should put their leaves on the curb edge and not in the street. This is to help keep our storm basins free from debris. Please be patient we will be through as often as possible during this time.

Calendar of Events

For more information check out our Website at <http://village.whitesboro.ny.us> or call the village office at 736-1613.

| September 2003 | | | | | | |
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| | 1 Village Office Closed Labor Day | 2 Planning Board Meeting | 3 | 4 Voucher Meeting | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Village Board Meeting | 9 Historical Society Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Zoning Board Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Trash Day |
| 21 | 22 Workshop Meeting | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

Highway Reminders

Stumps, rootballs, or tree trunks in excess of 12 inches need to be free of excess dirt.

Dirt, stone, gravel, building materials, or rubbish that are in green waste piles will not be taken.

No Grass Clippings. Please avoid blowing clippings into the street where they cause problems with storm sewer drainage. If you leave them as you mow, they help feed your lawn.

Tree branches and limbs should not exceed six feet in length.

All lawn contractors and tree contractors are responsible for the removal of their customer's green waste, trees, and debris in their entirety.

Leaf Piles- Please refrain from putting leaf piles in the street. They need to be at the curbs edge so they do not cause problems with storm drainage.

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| 12 | 13 Village Board Meeting Village Office Closed Columbus Day | 14 Historical Society Meeting | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Zoning Board Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Workshop Meeting | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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| 9 Veterans Day Parade | 10 Village Board Meeting | 11 Historical Society Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Zoning Board Meeting | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Workshop Meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 Thanksgiving Village Office Closed | 28 Village Office Closed | 29 |

Cub Scout Pack 93

The Cub Scouts will be recruiting boys throughout Whitestown and the Whitesboro School District who will be in 1st through 5th grade as of 2003 – 2004 school year. The registration fee is \$4.25 pro rated for the balance of the scouting year. Recruitment dates are as follows:

☞ September 9, 2003
Westmoreland Road Elementary School Open House.

☞ September 15, 2003
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Whitestown Community Center.

☞ September 18, 2003
New York Mills Elementary Open House.

If you are unable to attend contact Stephen M. Barrie Sr. at 768-1373 or cubscoutpack93@aol.com

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