

THE NEW HORSEHEADS JOURNAL

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HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2012



The Village of Horseheads came alive on December 9th! Nearly 300 people took advantage of the wonderful weather to take part in the Holiday Home Tour sponsored by Community Progress, Inc. with generous help from the Horseheads Historical Society.

Event goers were seen taking Victorian Strolls through village streets visiting six magnificent, beautifully decorated homes. Selected homeowners spent countless hours preparing their homes for the tour, displaying their finest china, trimming their trees and decorating their homes for the holiday season. The Village of Horseheads, as part of their 175th Anniversary Year, offered Horse & Carriage rides to the public. "The horses are absolutely gorgeous," stated a couple visiting from Canandaigua. "What a wonderful touch to such a special event!"

Homes on the tour included;

- 415 South Main St.
- 510 North Pine St.
- 501 South Main St.
- 601 North Pine St.
- 506 South Main St.
- 307 West Mill St.

After the Home Tour, event participants then strolled over to The Depot, home to the Horseheads Historical Society, located at 312 West Broad Street, for free wine tastings offered by Hazlitt Winery and J.R. Dill Winery and free beer tastings by Horseheads Brewing Company. Tables of baked goods, vegetables, fruits and breads adorned the Reception area for all to enjoy.



Community Progress, Inc., under the direction of Executive Director Julie Chevalier, partners with the Village on many projects and is our agent for Community Development Block Grant Administration.

Community Progress Inc., also assists low-to-moderate income homeowners throughout the tri-county area with necessary home repairs. Chevalier stated, "This event was a perfect fit for our agency. Preserving homes is part of our agency's mission. The homes on this tour represented remarkable investments by these homeowners."



Horseheads School District Design-A -Logo Contest



The Horseheads School District have begun their search for the logo that will best represent the Horseheads Schools' Raider Nation Community Wide Character Education Program. The logo will be an image that best depicts the Horseheads Raider Nation, along with the six character traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Students submitted their designs and three finalists from the High School, Intermediate School, and Elementary schools were chosen. Now its time for the public to help choose one winner from the District to have their logo represent the Raider Nation Character education Program.

The public is welcome to come see the designs and vote for their favorite logo at the 2013 Art Show on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 2-4PM at the Horseheads Fire Department located at 134 N. Main Street, Horseheads. The winner's logo will represent the Raider Nation Community Wide Character Education Program for the Horseheads School District.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful design logos and the support of the public at the 2013 Art Show!



Village Hall Holiday Schedule

OFFICES CLOSED:

News Year Day-Jan 1st
Martin Luther King Day-Jan 21st
Good Friday-April 5th
Memorial Day-May 27th



Don't forget to set your
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March 10, 2013



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HEY ARTISTS!!!



The Village of Horseheads is calling all artists who enjoy painting, taking photographs, drawings and other artistic forms to come share their works at the 2013 Art Show.

A photographer captures a special moment in time with a click of the shutter. A painter paints local park scene using oils on canvas. A sculptor molds and shapes life into an object frozen forever. This competition is aimed at capturing these moments.

The 2013 Art Show will take place on Saturday February 9, 2013 from 2PM-4PM at the Horseheads Fire Department located at 134 N. Main Street, Horseheads. The work of arts will be categorized by the following:

- Oil Paintings
- Water Colors
- Sketches
- Sculptures
- Photographs

Awards will be given out to the top 3 in each category by popular vote. Voting will take place on index cards supplied to each attendant upon arrival. Ribbons will be given out to the winners.

Competition Rules

Eligibility- Only one submission per artist. Any art work submitted for prior Village of art shows are excluded; however all new work will be welcome to compete.

Application- All entries must submit an application prior to the exhibit. Applications will be available at the Village Clerk's Office, as well as on our website at www.horseheads.org. Artwork and photos will not be displayed unless an application has been received by February 6, 2013 by 4PM. Entries received after the February 6, 2013 by mail will still be accepted as long as the post date is before February 6, 2013. Applications can be mailed to Village Clerk's Office Attn: Art Competition/Exhibit, 202 South Main Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. Applications may also be dropped off in person at the same location.

Criteria for Art Submissions-

- Paintings/Drawings must be framed
- Photographs must be matted and framed
- Paintings/Drawings & Photographs should not be any larger than 24X30
- Sculptures/Wood Carvings should not be any larger than 3 feet in height and 2 feet wide.
- Entry Title, name, address, and phone number should be printed on the back of the artwork



Number of Entries- Only one submission per artist. Prior submission to Village of Horseheads Art Show are excluded from competition.

Setup- Participants may arrive at 1PM on the day of the exhibit February 9, 2013. If the artist is submitting a painting/drawing or a photograph and can provide their own easel, they may do so.

Exhibit- The exhibit/competition will be on February 9, 2013 from 2PM-4PM. It will take place at the Village of Horseheads Fire Department located at 134 N. Main Street, Horseheads. Refreshments will be served.

Judging- Judging will take place during the exhibit hours. The viewers will vote for their favorites for "People Choice 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place by ballot vote.

Winners/Prizes- Prizes will be given to "People's Choice 1st, 2nd, & 3rd", based on popular vote. The winners' artwork will be on display at the Village Hall, and also featured in the April 2013 issue of the New Horseheads Journal. Non-placing entries will be able to take their submissions home at the end of the competition/exhibit.

THANK YOU!!!



The Village of Horseheads and the Horseheads Police Department would like to thank Debbie Perkins from Nestle Purina Pet Care for their generous donation of a one year supply of dog food for our Police K-9 Taja.



Horseheads Fire Department

The Horseheads Fire Department is reminding residents to dig out any nearby hydrants that are covered by snow. Water is the principal agent used by any Fire Department to control and extinguish fires. The Fire Engines in Horseheads carry between 300 and 750 gallons of water. The pre-connected 'attack lines,' used for firefighting, are capable of flowing 175 gallons of water per minute. That gives firefighters between three and four minutes of water before the tank on the Fire Apparatus is empty. That is why it is vitally important to have quick access to a hydrant for an uninterrupted supply of water. If firefighters have to search for and shovel out the hydrant, the delay could result in raising the risk of injury or death and possibly result in additional property damage. So please make sure the hydrant near your home or business is shoveled out.

The Horseheads Fire Department also urges residents to help neighbors who are elderly or have medical conditions by shoveling the hydrant near their homes for them. The fire hydrant should be cleared about 4 feet in front of the hydrant in order to fit Firefighting Appliances onto it and 3 feet on either side of the hydrant. In addition, encrusted snow should be brushed off the outlet caps so that the caps won't be frozen on. The life or property you save may be your own.

The Horseheads Fire Department is always looking for new members.

Volunteer firefighting. What's in it for you?

- The benefits of being a volunteer firefighter are many.
- There's the technical training and real life skills you'll receive.
- The satisfaction of teaching about fire safety.
- The fact that no two days are ever the same.
- There's the immense sense of pride and satisfaction that comes from giving back to your community by doing a vital job.
- And maybe most important, the camaraderie, the feeling of family, the lasting relationships you'll build belonging to a team that shares one overriding goal: to be of service to others in their time of greatest need.



Sidewalk/Driveway Snow Removal

The Village code requires all property owners to remove snow/ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours from the end of the snow/ice event. When clearing driveways/sidewalks, snow/ice must be placed along side the curb and not out into the street. Property Owners could receive a citation from Code Enforcement for violating this code.



Code Enforcement

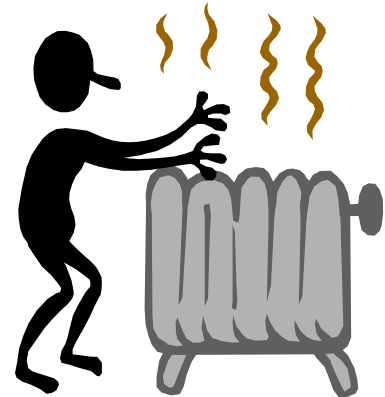


Rental Property Registration

The Village of Horseheads passed a rental property registration law in early December. This law simply requires all rental property owners to register their properties with the Village of Horseheads. The law will go into effect January 1, 2013. If you register your property prior to April 1, 2013, the registration fee is waived. For more information contact our office at (607) 739-5691 option 2.

Home Heating Facts

- Heating is the second leading cause of home fires!
- An estimated average of 50,100 heating fires in residential buildings occurred in the United States each year and resulted in an annual average of approximately 150 deaths, 575 injuries, and \$326 million in property loss.
- Heating was the second leading cause of all residential building fires following cooking.
- Residential building heating fires peaked in the early evening hours between 5 and 9 p.m. with the highest peak between 6 and 8 p.m. This 4-hour period accounted for 30 percent of all residential building heating fires.
- Residential building heating fires peaked in January (21 percent) and declined to the lowest point during the summer months from June to August.
- Confined fires, those fires confined to chimneys, flues, or fuel burners, accounted for 87 percent of residential building heating fires.
- Thirty percent of the nonconfined residential building heating fires occurred because the heat source was too close to combustibles.



Home Heating Tips

- Home heating fires are preventable!
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Plug space heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.

Department of Public Works

You may see some new people in DPW. They are Bill Lesso and Zack Conklin. After 37 years of service Mark Maynard has retired. He was a great asset to the Village and also a great friend. Mark will be missed by all in the department.

The men have been out cleaning catch basins and dry wells and will continue while weather permits. They will be trimming back trees along the edges of streets for school buses and delivery trucks. We are also looking into updating lights in Linear Park to LED. The Village is still waiting to hear about a grant we submitted for Ryan Circle. Our DPW crew is working on drainage issues for Fletcher St. and the North West section of Matthews Circle.



A Message from the Village Manager

One of the areas of greatest interest to Village home owners has been protecting their investment in their home. In fact, this was one of the highest priorities appearing on the Comprehensive Plan. In response to those concerns, and to help keep the village with a high quality of life and achieve sustainable vitality, we have passed a rental property registration law. The purpose of the law is to keep rental units up to standard requirements and to prevent overcrowding in rental units which tends to create blight and contributes to excessive vehicular traffic.

The law requires rental property owners to register with the village starting in January 2013 and ending in June. Although there is a registration fee of \$1 per rental unit (with a minimum fee of \$10 for three years), we have waived the fee entirely for all landlords who register between January 1st and March 31st--- something we call the "early bird special"!

Most of our landlords are very responsible and maintain their properties very well. For the good landlords, the only thing they have to do is register, pay the fee (if any) and we're done for three years .

Some landlords live outside of Chemung County ---often times called absentee landlords. This presents a particular problem for our Code Enforcement Officers when their property is neglected and deteriorating. New York State law requires that appearance tickets for property maintenance violations be personally served on the owner as these violations are misdemeanors. Clearly if an owner lives in California or Florida or even Steuben County it's difficult if not impossible for our Code Officer to travel to personally serve them. To resolve this problem our law requires that if an owner does not live or have a permanent place of business in Chemung County, the owner must have an Agent within the county to receive notice of violations. This will enable us to bring the person responsible for property maintenance violations to court if they fail to correct the problems.

We also added a provision which will prevent habitual violators from continuing to rent until the properties are brought up to Code. Still another provision addresses multiple police responses to a rental unit within a six month period. The purpose here, of course, is to stop rentals which cause police to frequently intervene at a location for mischievous or criminal activities.

On a different note, we are still waiting for final word from FEMA about our filtration plant for our drinking water. Although we applied for the grant at the end of 2010, it will still be another month before we get approved. This means simply that we can continue using our well as we have but we will have to send out a notice to our water customers every three months telling them that we are working on adding the filtration system.

Budgets, budgets, budgets! It's that time of year again when we have to begin work on our budgets. The Board has already begun to review our priorities with a goal of keeping taxes as low as possible and under the 2% tax cap set by the State (if only they would do the same!!)

Dog Park Committee

The Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department is seeking VOLUNTEERS to serve as Dog Park Committee members. Discussion of developing a Dog Park in the Village of Horseheads had been expressed in the most recent Comprehensive Plan. Residents of both the Town of Horseheads and Village of Horseheads have continued this interest by completing surveys that were either published in previous issues of this newsletter or while licensing their dogs at the Town of Horseheads. Committee members will be involved in, but not limited to, the following:

- Demonstrating need and support of developing a dog park
- Designing and Planning
- Assistance with creating dog park policy and/or regulations
- Data collection ie demographics of dogs in the Village and Town of Horseheads, along with the surrounding area(s)
- Presenting the project to the general public, including elected officials
- Determining Location
- Fundraising



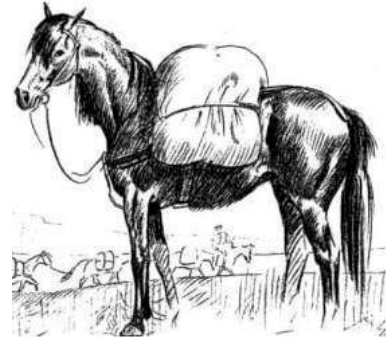
Military Pack Horse Project

The Village of Horseheads will be hosting its final 175th Celebration event in May 2013; the unveiling of our Military Pack Horse. Residents have shared their thoughts and opinions as to the location that this sculpture should be displayed. We have listed the top four (4) suggestions, and are seeking your vote for the sculpture's final destination. The location should consider:

- ✓ Visibility to residents and tourist
- ✓ Vandalism/Security
- ✓ The sculpture's representation of the Village of Horseheads

Facts of the sculpture:

- ✓ The bronze sculpture is a life size horse (20"x99"x82"H).
- ✓ Sculpture includes a military pack
- ✓ Donor Recognition
- ✓ Short description of the military pack horse and its importance to our Community



Please vote for one of the following locations:

- ☐ Village Hall
- ☐ Horseheads Historical Society (Train Depot)
- ☐ Linear Park – near Brickyard Lane
- ☐ Memorial Park – Grand Central Ave.
- ☐ Other: _____

Please return the bottom portion of the ballot, to cast your vote to the Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department, 202 S. Main Street, Horseheads; no later than January 31, 2013.

Reason(s) for your selection (optional):

For your convenience, you may also vote on-line at www.HorseheadsRec.com.

Thank you for participating in this process.

Just a Reminder...

Donations are still being accepted for the Military Pack Horse Statue. The bronze statue will commemorate the origin of our Village's name. This will be in conjunction with the Village's 175th Anniversary this year.

We are two-thirds of our goal of \$18,000. Let's make it happen!!

If you are interested in donating to this project, please call Ron Swartz at 607-481-1976 or send donations to the Community Foundation, 301 S. Main St., Horseheads, NY 14845. Donations will be accepted until the end of May.

Horseheads Parks & Recreation

Winter/Early Spring Offering

Activity	Age/ Grade	Start/End Dates	Activity Day(s)	Activity Time	Activity Fee	Location
2 nd Grade Basketball	2 nd Grade	Jan 9 – Feb 13	W	6:00-7:00pm	\$25	HHS-South Gym
MulchFest		January 12	Sa	11:00a – 3:00p		Thorne Street Park
Super Saturday	K – 6 th Grade	Jan 19 – Feb 9	Sa	9:00a-12:00p	\$18 – 1 class \$30 – 2 classes \$40 – 3 classes	HHS
Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show	ALL	February 7	Th	7:00a – 10:00p	\$59	Bus leaves Thorne Street for Harrisburg, PA
Philadelphia Flower Show	ALL	March 6	W	7:45a – 11:00p	\$79	Bus leaves Thorne Street for Philadelphia, PA

**For more information regarding the above activities visit our web-site at
www.HorseheadsRec.com**



Not quite sure what to do with your holiday tree? Bring it to MULCHFEST and treecycle!!!! Mulch made from the smaller branches on your holiday tree or from evergreen boughs protects and enriches the soil in your garden(s) or in your street tree beds. When laid over the soil, branches can help prevent erosion, compaction, and the repeated freezing and thawing that can damage plants or trees. And soil structure will be improved when the needle and twigs eventually break-down.

After the Holidays, bring your tree to MULCHFEST
Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Thorne Street Park
11:00am - 3:00pm.

Please remember to remove all lights and ornaments before bringing the tree to MULCHFEST. Biodegradable bag(s) will be provided if you wish take home some free mulch.



VOLUNTEER for PARKS & RECREATION

The Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department appreciates your interest in volunteering for your community. The success of many of our programs and events is thanks to the efforts of our volunteers. We have activities that may be ideal for your school group, scout troops, service groups, and individuals of all ages. We hope you'll sign up to lend a hand to the Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation!

Opportunities vary from **one-day activities to ongoing needs** in the department. Review our list of volunteer opportunities at www.HorseheadsRec.com. If you have an idea for a project that is not on our list, let us know. This volunteer project list is updated regularly. If you are interested in one, call us so we can reserve it for you and/or your group. The next page is a partial list of ongoing projects:

- **Park Clean Up**-The Village's parks system requires diligent efforts to maintain and increase its level of service.
 - ✓ Flowerbed clean up and weeding – The Village has over 97 flowerbeds that are maintained on an annual basis
 - ✓ Mill Street Pond clean up and raking of its inlet and outlet.
- **Forestry (Minor)**
 - ✓ Help mulch trees - Mulching helps keep trees throughout the Village healthy.
 - ✓ Brush clearing in parks – Help clear overgrown areas in our Village parks.
- **Special Events and Programs**-The Parks & Recreation Department has several annual events that provide great opportunities for volunteers.
 - ✓ MULCHFEST – Help with cleaning the trees of decorations prior to chipping, Directing treecyclers and assisting with their tree, Entertainment.
 - ✓ Family Days – Firework Security, Trash Pickup
 - ✓ Teal Parks Concerts – Participant Assistance and Trash Pickup, occasional Food Service
 - ✓ Softball Tournaments – This year the Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department submitted bids and was awarded to host the 14U “A” USA/ASA Regional Tournament, 16U “A” NYS ASA State Championship, 18U “A” NYS ASA State Championship, and 18U “B” NYS ASA State Championship. Help is needed in score-keeping, “out of play” ball retrieval, Coach/Player/Team coordinating, and other onsite duties that may be assigned
 - ✓ Super Saturday – Hallway and Classroom Monitors, Program teaching mentor for youth teachers
 - ✓ Youth Basketball League – Coach one of our 20+ teams
 - ✓ Serve on a Committee – Two committees in the process of being formed are Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Dog Park.



The Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department appreciates your interest in volunteering for your community. To make sure your volunteer experience is successful, we ask the following:

- **Two to three weeks notice, or earlier.** We know you're in a hurry to help, but we want to make sure we're ready when your group arrives. Adequate notice lets us complete the required paperwork as well as gather materials and supplies that are needed to make your experience successful. Additionally, we want to make sure you get the volunteer opportunity you want, let us know when you're considering volunteering with us.
- **Record the number of hours you spend volunteering.** We use these numbers to log the support of the community and volunteer impact, especially when submitting for funding resources.
- **Take photographs when possible.**
- **Feedback** – We need your feedback to make the volunteer program better. Please submit your comments to our department. All constructive feedback is appreciated.
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department is seeking VOLUNTEERS to serve as committee members to develop a Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Due to the scope involved in creating a Parks & Recreation Master Plan one can expect a commitment level of 10 to 16 months; time commitment may vary depending on how involved the plan.

“Why do we need a Master Plan?”

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan will coexist and supplement the Village of Horseheads Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in April 2010. It will establish priorities for developing future park and recreation facilities based upon needs and recommendations in the plan. It will also;

- Insure facilities are sufficiently explored in establishing development priorities;
- Determine the type of facilities and programming that may be desired, the preferred location and level of operational costs the community is willing to support and pay for;
- Determine the level of public funding the citizens are willing to approve to develop park and recreation facilities; and
- Establish a capital improvement plan based upon the resulting development priorities and level of funding the community is willing to support.

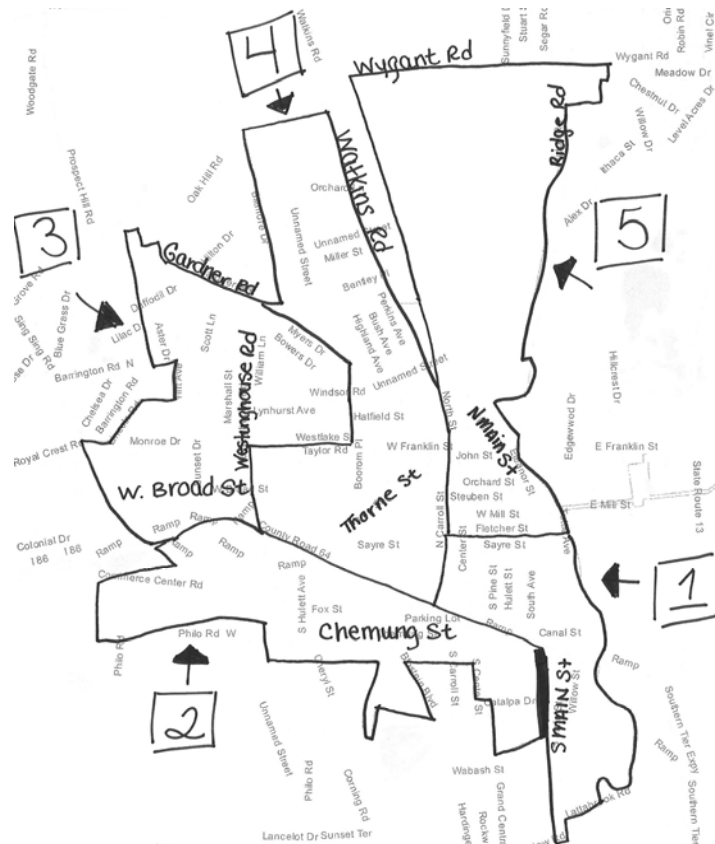


Steps needed to complete this master plan are:

- Assessment and Inventory of the existing conditions and resources available to the Village of Horseheads
- Formulating goals for the parks and recreation system by hosting a series of public meetings.
 - ✓ Assess the future growth of the Village and the consequent need for parks and open space.
 - ✓ What do residents want their parks to be like now and in the future?
 - ✓ What recreation programs and facilities are needed to meet the residents' interest?
 - ✓ What trends will need to be accommodated in the future?
- Matching the formulated goals to the existing inventory to assess the current performance of the park system.
- Identification of restructuring opportunities – physical, programmatic, and financial; then identifying to options to overcome them.
- Setting a direction, “a vision” for the future which will achieve the goals and address the problems. Developing the priorities for action will ensure this vision is achieved.



We are seeking representation from each of the five (5) designated residential areas within the Village. (see map located on next page). If you are interested being involved with the future planning of the Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation Department, please contact their office at 739-5691 or nnagle@horseheads.org.



Merchant Membership



The Merchant Association is proud to announce that they have now expanded the Membership area to include all of the Village of Horseheads merchants. Any business located in the Village of Horseheads is encouraged to join the Association. Membership Applications are available through the Merchant Coordinator, Julie Chevalier, and may be obtained by calling 962-3506 or through email at cpi@stny.rr.com

Membership fees for 2013 are \$75 through January 15th and will then be increased to \$125, thereafter. Associate Memberships are now being offered, as well. This means that any business outside of the Village of Horseheads is also invited to join for a yearly fee of \$50. For more information on this Membership, contact Gretchen Watson (Chair) at gretchenkale@gmail.com, Joyce Smith (Secretary) at owner3983@theupsstore.com or (Treasurer) Dustin Morgan at dtin@vernmorgansauto@yahoo.com

The 2013 Merchant Association Sponsored Calendar of Events . . .

- The 2nd Annual Ladies Nite Out –
- May 11th Cruise-In 2013 Car Show – TBA (Horseheads and Elmira Heights Merchant Association Event)
- Celery Fest 2013 – September 28th
- Holly Day – November 23rd

~Julie Chevalier/Merchant Coordinator

Village of Horseheads Merchant Association

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