

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HOURS

Monday

Clerk: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Tuesday

Clerk: – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Thursday

Treasurer: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Clerk: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

There are no public office hours on Wednesday or Friday

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Community Preservation Panel – First Wednesday

Zoning Board of Appeals – Second Wednesday (as needed)

Village Board of Trustees – Third Wednesday

Planning Board – Fourth Wednesday

Members of the public may address the boards during Visitor Welcome at the beginning of the meetings, though the Chairperson reserves the right to limit the speaker's time. Deadline for inclusion on the Village Board of Trustees agenda is 7 days in advance, in writing. The deadline to file a completed application for CPP and/or Planning Board review is 10 days prior to the meeting.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Meter Readings

Twice a year, the DPW records the water meter readings and twice a year we mail out cards and ask home owners to return them (or email) with their readings. If cards are not returned, or the DPW cannot access the meter, an estimate will be made until an actual read is obtained. Landlords, if there is a change in tenants, and they are responsible for the water/sewer bill, please notify the village office in order that we may keep our contact information current.

And a BIG thank-you to everyone who is emailing their meter reading to the Village Office. We are especially grateful for all the screen shots. You are making our job much easier!

Leaf Pick-Up

The leaf truck is now stored for the winter and the DPW crew asks that you please bag your leaves for pick-up. However, the leaf truck will be back this spring for one week only and the dates will be posted on the website and in the bulletin boards.

Winter Maintenance

The DPW does its best in assisting with keeping the sidewalks clear. However, their priority is the street plowing and it is the home owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks shoveled adjacent to their property. Working together we can help maintain safe passage through the village.

Please be aware that if schools are closed due to weather, the village office may be closed as well. If possible, we will post on the village website if we close the office during public hours, but call first (315-364-7293) in case we are unable to do so.

NEWS FROM THE AURORA-LEDYARD FIRE DISTRICT

Congratulations to Michael Miller for a successful write-in campaign as our newest fire commissioner!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Fellow Villagers,

Once again Aurora has done itself proud as we head swiftly towards the new year. Christmas in Aurora was successful both for our business and our non-profits, the tree lighting was well-attended and joyful, and there was a packed church at the United Ministry for the Children's Pageant – even in the rain! Thank you to Alyssa Gunderson for getting us together for Christmas in Aurora, and to all those who took the initiative in their individual organizations. Cathy Mullarney, always the mainstay of caroling around the Christmas tree, brought Ricky Gessler and the Junior and Senior Choruses from Southern Cayuga this year. We've never sounded better, and we have our students, who gave up their time, to thank for it. And of course Claire Morehouse and Marie Taylor and all those who help and provide refreshments for the Pageant. It's been a great season for seeing each other and enjoying a sense of community spirit.

To more serious matters but also good news, the village as a whole received a rather nice Christmas present last week. As you know, Aurora submitted a proposal to the Environmental Facilities Corporation of New York State for two possible projects for a new village water source. The proposal has received a score that makes us eligible for the hardship designation of a 50% reduction in the interest rate, and in continued discussions we are hoping to reduce that further. Aurora's pressing need for a water source presents an opportunity for the county to

consider Cayuga Lake as a new county source as well, since 80% of the county water users now receive their water from Owasco Lake through the County Water and Sewer Authority. Given the problems threatening our local waters, it makes good sense to reduce the dependency on a single source. As the project goes forward the Village Board will be holding public meeting like the one held in November to keep you up to date.

As we turn to winter, there are a few housekeeping reminders – or village-keeping – reminders. As the deer problems increase in the village, please don't feed these beautiful pests. I heard from many of you about the tick problems this year and we need to do all we can to make sure that deer are not more attracted than they already are to spend time in the village. Also, remember to move cars off the streets when snow is expected so we can plow efficiently.

Stay safe and warm as we look forward to seeing each other again in the spring. Happy New Year,
Bonnie