

Village of Phoenix Board & Administration

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Village of Phoenix Newsletter

March 2017

Message from the Mayor

The Village 2017-2018 budget is \$1,355,034.40. The tax rate has been set at \$14.38 per 1,000 which generates 60% of the annual budget. The other 40% is generated through State aid and other local revenues. The Village budget serves over 960 houses, 2,300 people and over 7.5 linear miles of roads. The Village budget can be broken down into three major categories, Personnel, maintenance and community programs, and public safety.

The Village board salaries are less than 2% of the overall budget. I point this out because in recent news from the governor of New York, he believes that smaller governments, like the Village of Phoenix, should be dissolved. The Village board is your voice at the local level (laws and services) and State level. The remainder of the budget is as follows:

The largest part of the budget, 41% is maintenance and community programs. This is the largest part because of the services the Village is mandated to provide and the services that make it different to live in the Village of Phoenix compared to other places. The Village maintains multiple public lands and records and use different equipment to facilitate the process. The Village maintains the Sweet Memorial Building, DPW buildings, streets (snow removal and paving), public records, etc. Some of the services include sidewalk repair, tree service, weekly yard waste pick up, street lights, parks maintenance, summer music, fireworks, youth and senior programs, etc.

The next largest portion of the budget, 29%, is Personnel. It takes many employees to be able to provide the above services. The Department of



Public Works plow during the winter, maintain roads and parks during the summer and work on a variety of projects throughout the year. The clerks maintain public records and the administrator oversees all departments and projects. The rest of the budget is used for a lawyer, engineer, code enforcement, grant writer, auditor and Historian. The largest part of the personnel budget 23%, are the fringe benefits such as FICA (Social Security and Medicare), retirement, health benefits, etc.

The last portion of the budget, 28%, is protection which includes the fire department and police. In the Village of Phoenix we have 24/7 fire protection provided by Phoenix Enterprise Fire Company. The Village provides full police coverage for the Village's protection along with ongoing investigations. We are fortunate to be able to provide a high level of police service and protection that helps deter any illegal activities and fast response when necessary. The department also provides various community policing programs to assist our senior citizens and our youth.

With the Village budget always in mind, the Village Board is always exploring new, creative and innovative ideas to keep and improve the same services while lowering our costs. The Board has a few ideas that will be perused this coming year.

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Police Department
Please dial 911

On behalf of the Village board and myself, I invite all residents to visit our website villageofphoenix-ny.gov and our social media page facebook.com/Village-of-Phoenix-1479808575642002 for information, updates and notifications. We feel our community is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I encourage you to join your fellow residents and participate in helping the community and grow with it.

On behalf of the board and myself, I would like to thank everyone that came out to vote in the March elections. I was reelected as Mayor for another two years. John Musumeci and Caleb Sweet received the most write-ins for the 2-year trustee positions. The Board now consists of me as Mayor, and trustees are David Pendergast, Jennifer Burgess, John Musumeci and Caleb Sweet.

Mayor Ryan Wood



Police Department News

With spring finally approaching, I would like to remind folks that kid's become more active, give a second look, they will be running around and riding their bicycles. We love our children in one piece.

We had a wonderful winter season participating and interacting with our CHOOSE Senior Citizens, the donations that came from you the community was overwhelming and appreciated. Officer Bullard even spent some time with them over Valentine's Day. We continue to accept any donations that could help achieve our program goals- Thank You. We have been making some long overdue renovations (around 50 years overdue) to our police department over the winter thanks to donations of furniture, carpet, and hard work from our DPW workers- a heartfelt Thanks goes out to everyone that worked hard to accomplish this task. Officer Stahr donated many hours to make it happen! I would also like to announce that by the

time this newsletter hits your mailbox we should have a new program under way, it is a designated safe area (designated by a sign) under police camera surveillance where citizens can arrange to trade or purchase goods from each other. This has become a problem when strangers meet up to exchange money for items they are selling, we are happy to provide a safe place for this. Certain items will not be allowed, such as illegal items, guns, or any type of contraband. Check on our Police Facebook page for further updates on this. Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that with the onset of Spring, and all the activities that come with it, to be a good neighbor. Be courteous of those around you with your music, language, and bad behavior. You all choose to live here because the Village offers a lot of unique living-share it responsibly so we can all get along and enjoy our gem by the river.

Martin Nerber — Police Chief



For more information call
(315) 695-1307 or visit
www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov

April 29, 2017

10:00am-2:00pm – Phoenix Rising
Comedian Dinner

May 20, 2017

Village Wide Garage Sale Day
Sponsor by St. Stephen's Church

May 27 - May 29, 2017

Memorial Day Weekend at VFW
May 29th Parade 12:00 noon

June 2, 2017

9:00am-2:00pm – Canal Days
Canal Island

June 23, 2017

4:00 pm-Dusk, St. Stephen's Church
& Henley Park
Summer Strawberry Festival, Food & Music at Bridge House and
FIREWORKS

July 7, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Nelson Brothers

July 8, 2017

Summer Kickoff Block Party
"Firebirds and Flip-Flops" – Phoenix
Rising
State Street Business District

July 10, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Matt Chase & Thunder Canyon

July 14, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Hendry

July 17, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Joe Whiting Band

July 21, 2017

9:00 am-11:00 am – Lock Island
Children's Fishing Derby

July 21, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Two Feet Short

July 24, 2017

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Phoenix Community Concert Band
(Rain location JCB)

July 28, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
The Other Guise

July 31, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Moss Back Mule Band

August 4, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Vote for Pete

August 7, 2016

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Tom Gilbo & The Blue Suedes

August 11, 2016

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park

Music in the Park

Flat Face & the Shempdells

August 14, 2016

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park

Music in the Park

Dan Elliot & The Monterays

August 18, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park

Music in the Park

Ronda Helene

August 21, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park

Music in the Park

The Fab Cats

August 25, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park

Music in the Park

Nite Life

August 29, 2016

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park

Music in the Park

American Eagle Band

September 11, 2016

6:30 pm, Henley Park

Community Vigil in Memory of those who lost their lives.

(Bring a candle and chair)

CLEAN THE VILLAGE FOR EARTH DAY!



The Village of Phoenix will again participate in an Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. We welcome any

individuals or groups to join us in helping clean the Village of litter lying along the roadsides and the islands. We will meet behind the Village Hall, The Sweet Memorial Building. If you are interested in participating, please show up about 1:30 and we will distribute bags and gloves. Contact the Village Clerk at 315-695-2484 for more information.



D.P.W. News

The Village's Department of Public Works has been very busy this winter season. With 5 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee, they have a variety of daily tasks and projects to attend to.

They have been very efficient this season plowing and salting streets and maintaining streets for safe operation. Throughout the year they also do all maintenance on Village trucks and equipment to keep operations running smoothly. They also take care of all Villages buildings and grounds maintenance tasks and projects including helping to set up and cleanup of various community events. Additional responsibilities include operating and maintaining the Villages water system, sewer system and storm drain systems. With that being said spring is right around the corner and the DPW will be out after the snow season is completely over fixing any plow damage, picking up yard waste and installing and replacing street signage in various areas.

Please make sure piles of leaves, dirt and brush are neatly stacked and separated on the edge of your yard out of the path of any water drainage. The DPW does not pick up any type of construction debris or garbage.

Spring water system flushing will be scheduled during spring break just like every other year which is April 17 - 21. Just like the past years they will start in the east side of the Village and work toward the west side (river



side) and then continue with the south end of the Village, and finish with the north end. This usually takes between 3-4 days if everything goes smoothly and all residents can experience discolored water and low to no water pressure at times. If you experience something out of the ordinary please feel free to call the clerk's office so they can be notified of any issues.

This summer the DPW will be getting back at working on lot of projects including sidewalk replacements, road prep for paving, tree trimming and removal, and various sewer and storm sewer projects.

The DPW does its best and takes pride in serving the Villages needs and looks forward to another highly productive year.

John Kerfien – D.P.W. Crew Leader

Flushable wipes are NOT flushable!

We continue to urge residents – Please avoid using what are called flushable wipes – they are NOT flushable – nor are dental floss, cotton swabs, hygiene products, kitty litter, facial tissues, fats, oils and grease. All of these should be put in the trash and only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed. To avoid plumbing problems, which will most likely occur on residential property, not in the Village main, please be aware of this concern.

Homeowner Responsibility

Homeowners should be aware that they are required to maintain the sewer laterals that extend from their homes to the sewer main, typically located in the middle of the road. Sewer laterals are entirely owned by the private property owner, who is responsible for the entire length of the lateral, to the sewer main. At the sewer main, the Village is responsible.

From the Code Enforcement Office

The Village of Phoenix code enforcement department is here to enforce the local ordinances to protect and enhance the health, safety and aesthetic value of our village. Along with issuing various building permits, the code enforcement department also inspects for violations such as tall grass and weeds, unlicensed vehicles, house address numbers, accumulation of debris, peeling paint, or structural surfaces in ill repair.

We encourage residents to contact us with any questions or if you want to report a possible code violation.

Jim Lynch – Code Enforcement

High Water Bill?



The cause of a high bill is usually a leaking toilet. The Village Clerk tries to monitor resident's bills to inform them of an unusual spike. If

you think your water usage is high or if you want to just monitor your system, the Village now offers dye pills, available at the Clerk's office, that you can place in the tank because many times you can barely hear a leak. These pills will make the water turn a yellow-green color, avoid flushing for several hours but check every hour to see if the yellow-green color is still present in the bowl. If the water turns yellow-green, you now know the flapper is leaking and



making the toilet refill the tank, resulting in wasted water usage and higher bills.

What's New at the Library?

On Monday, May 1st at 6:30 pm the Phoenix Public Library will host Susan Savion, author of the newly published "Quoting Matilda". Savion will be discussing her book and the life of Matilda Gage. Gage fought for women's rights with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, championed women inventors and inspired her son-in-law Frank Baum in his writing of the Oz books.



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Did you notice a street light out?



To report a street light out, flickering or in a hazardous condition, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at (315) 695-2484. We will need to know the address of the property that the light is directly in front of or the pole number.

Spring Village Board Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM @ Sweet Memorial Building – 455 Main Street

This is a great opportunity for residents to meet your local government officials and discuss any issues or concerns you have.

Make sure to mark your calendars!

Follow us on Facebook to receive weekly updates.

“Dear Village of Phoenix Resident or Town of Schroepfel Water Customers:

Please be advised the quarterly notice entitled “Important information About Your Drinking Water” for the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 has been posted in its entirety on the Village of Phoenix website at <http://villageofphoenix-ny.gov/> front page and under the Documents tab. Included is also a link to the informational document relative to microorganisms found in unfiltered water.

In the event you do not have internet access or for any other reason would still like a hard (paper) copy, one can be picked up free of charge at the Village of Phoenix Clerk-Treasurer's office during regular business hours (weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.).

If for any reason you are unable to access the Village website and would like an electronic transmitted (email) copy, please email your request to the following address: rdemo@villageofphoenix-ny.gov, and please permit seven (7) to ten (10) days for a response. This will permit the Clerk's office to transmit in groups.

Thank you.

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