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# Village of Phoenix Newsletter

December 2016

## Message from the Mayor

The Village of Phoenix has recently awarded the construction contract for the Booster Pump Station on County Route 12. The project which was publicly bid according to State Health Department approved plans and specifications has been awarded to Grant Street Construction which is located in Cortland, New York. Accommodations have been made in order to secure specialty equipment to complete the installation of the connection to the Metropolitan Water Board Water Source. Site activity could possibly be initiated this fall/winter; however, a substantial portion of the specialty work and equipment will be pre-manufactured off site and delivered to the site in the spring. Connection to the new water source is scheduled for mid- late spring of 2017.

To help facilitate the next step to provide the highest quality of water possible the Village is conducting a water survey. The survey will cover a variety of questions relating to the water quality. When filling out the survey please answer each question based on a yearly average. We all have experienced low quality water throughout the year due to flushing, water main breaks and large unexpected uses. Please disregard these times when answer each question. The survey can be found in this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail back to the village office or you can email answers directly to me at [rwood@villageofphoenix-ny.gov](mailto:rwood@villageofphoenix-ny.gov).

*Mayor Ryan Wood*



## Police Department News

Here we are right in the midst of winter, the most beautiful and dangerous time of the year. Accidents are preventable if we all do our part: Don't drive if you don't have to on snowy roads. Leave early if you know the roads are going to be slick. Use caution and don't speed, you won't get there any quicker if you end up in a ditch. Drive like you are transporting the most precious cargo- you and/or your family.

I would like to Thank all of our wonderful citizens with a sincere heartfelt thanks that donated to our Senior citizen CHOOSE program to help make their Christmas Holiday brighter, we can't do what we do without our backers out there. A reminder that we can all make a difference by checking on our elderly neighbors during the winter, call us if we can help in any way.

I would like to ask that you follow our Facebook page (Village of Phoenix Police) to keep updated on road closures and winter weather incidents and areas of public concern. I would also like to inform the public that our Facebook page is intended to keep you up to speed on what is happening in the village, we try to keep it informative and positive. Anyone who finds it necessary to use the page for public

debate or to just try to stir the pot- you will be blocked. You can use your own Facebook page for that. If you have an issue and would like it addressed, please come and see me at the Police department.

With the winter weather, brings parking concerns for snow removal, the Village code bans vehicles from parking on Village streets from November 1st- April 1st from 2am-6am. Please help our DPW by keeping the streets clear. It is also illegal to deposit, plow, or dump snow into the roadway.

In closing I'd like to remind everyone that we as a village are not immune to all of the other problems that we see in populated areas, however we are committed to working hard to take care of the problems as they arise. I am asking that as citizens we don't take the blind eye approach, if you SEE something SAY something. We need your eyes and ears to help us tackle the issues, inbox me on Facebook or email me at PHX9150@aol.com.

*Martin Nerber* — Police Chief

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDARS

For more information call  
(315) 695-1307 or visit  
[www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov](http://www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov)

**December 10, 2016**  
10:00am-2:00pm – First United  
Methodist Church of Phoenix  
*Christmas Cookie Walk*

**December 11, 2016**  
9:00am-12:00pm – Sweet Memorial  
Building  
*Breakfast with Santa*

**December 14, 2016**  
7:00 pm – Phoenix Public Library  
*Live Old Time Christmas Music*



### **Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Music & Take Your Own Picture with Santa!**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

Enjoy a family-friendly, stress-free visit with Santa!

Sweet Memorial Building, 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Visit our Facebook page for more information

<https://www.facebook.com/PhoenixRising13135/>

E-mail: [phoenixrising13135@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixrising13135@gmail.com)



### **Enjoy some Family Fun...Skate on our public ice rink located Downtown**

Enjoy the Winter season with some ice skating. Our ice rink is available every day to anyone who wants to use it. We welcome and encourage anyone who wishes to help to stop by and shovel the rink. You may occasionally see a food truck, an outdoor fire, outdoor entertainment, music and lighting during the weekends when you stop by. We have a limited amount of gently used ice skates in various styles and sizes for all to use for the day located at the Village Clerk's office and we are always in need of donated skates of all types and sizes. If you have an interest in providing food or entertainment some evening or even just volunteering your time, contact the Village office for more information.



## D.P.W. News

After a nice and busy summer it's now time to get ready for the cold and snow. The DPW is busy getting snow equipment prepped and ready for the storms that Mother Nature throws our way. Please do not park overnight on the streets so snowplows can get down streets and clean them efficiently. When plowing or snow blowing driveways and sidewalks do not put snow in the road which may cause hazards for other drivers. After the holidays the DPW will be collecting Christmas trees daily or between cleaning up snow events. Please make sure Christmas trees are placed on the edge of the road and not in the roadways. If you would like to drop off your trees to the DPW there will be an area at the DPW to put them. Please call the Clerk's office to get details. If you have portable basketball hoops out make sure they are off the edge of the road so the plows will not hit them. We do ask if you have a fire hydrant next to your property to please try to keep clear in case of an emergency. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

*John Kerfien* – D.P.W. Crew Leader

## From the Code Enforcement Office

Winter is here so please remember to keep your Village Sidewalks clear. Aside from being a Village Law, many of our residents of all ages and our mail carriers and delivery people use these daily. Let's try to keep it safe and enjoyable for all!

For your convenience, the entire Code for the Village of Phoenix is now on line for your review. Remember to check with the Village about obtaining a building permit prior to doing any type of home or property renovations or project.

It is dark out early and house numbers can be difficult to see at this time of the year. Please remember that the New York State building code requires residents to provide emergency vehicles

with house numbers that are at least 4 inches in height on the front of every residence. Numbers shall contrast with their background. Please make sure that your house numbers are clearly visible.

And as a friendly reminder, all trash cans are to be kept behind your home or under shelter and trash can be put out no earlier than 12:00pm Wednesday before Thursday pick up. All trash receptacles are to be removed from the curb before the following Friday morning.

Thank You for doing your part to make our Village a safer and cleaner place to live!

*Code Enforcement Office*

## Water Main Breaks

If you notice a ground swell or an unusually large flow of water coming from underground, it is likely a water main break. The freeze thaw cycle that occurs in a typical Winter season puts pressure on the underground water system. A typical break takes 4-6 hours to repair depending on weather conditions, conflicts and delays in locating surrounding utilities in the repair area. Repair crews shut off water to those served by the broken main and try to give notice to homes and businesses via our Village website and social media notifications unless it is late at night.

After the repair is completed and water is restored, the affected homes and businesses might experience some discolored water resulting from the mineral sediment stirred up during the repair. Run the water for 5-10 minutes until the water color returns to normal. To report a water main break during normal business hours from 7:30am until 4:30pm, phone the Village office at (315)695-2484 or after hours, dial 9-1-1.



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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.

## What's New at the Library?

The Phoenix Public Library has been beautifully decorated for the Holiday Season by the Century Club. Join us for Story Time Fridays at 11:00 AM and for afterschool Lego Club Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Please check our website [www.phoenixnylibrary.org](http://www.phoenixnylibrary.org) for information on our book clubs, ancestry.com group, crafting activities, movies and special events. And don't forget to check our catalog for newly released books and a growing collection of both non-fiction books for children and movies for everyone.

## Winter 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.



## Check out our new website!

The Village of Phoenix is excited to announce the launch of our new website [www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov](http://www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov). The new site has a fresh new look and was designed with your needs in mind. The user-friendly navigation provides easy access to the news, documents and Village's events.

## Village Elections

In 2017, the Village will hold an election for two trustees and the position of Mayor for two year terms. Voting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Enterprise Fire Department, 457 Main Street between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm.



Christmas

# Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00am -2:00pm  
(or sold out)

First United Methodist Church  
49 Jefferson St. in Phoenix, NY

**\$7** per pound

We will have a wide variety of seasonal and everyday favorites available for purchase.

Complimentary hot chocolate and tea will be available!

Child care is available and the word is that Santa may be stopping by for some cookies!

### What is a Cookie Walk?

At a cookie walk cookies are made by a group, in this case the families that attend our church, and are sold by the pound. You can mix and match your cookies and buy as much or as few as you want!

Each customer will get their own box with directions inside upon entering.  
Questions or more info? Please call our office at 315-695-4746.



“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 October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 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](mailto: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.

**VILLAGE OF PHOENIX”**



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# Water Quality Survey

Please answer all of the questions based on the average quality of water throughout the year, and mail back to - Village of Phoenix, 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135 – Attn: Mayor Ryan Wood or email [rwood@villageofphoenix-ny.gov](mailto:rwood@villageofphoenix-ny.gov)

- Address \_\_\_\_\_

(This is used to identify problem areas within the system and to confirm only one survey was filled out per address)

- Number of household members? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please rate the quality of your drinking water by checking the number that matches your opinion.
  - ☐ Poor
  - ☐ Fair
  - ☐ Good
  - ☐ Excellent
- Which of the following apply to your tap water? Please check all that apply.
  - ☐ Sediments (rust, particles, etc.)
  - ☐ Calcium or “soft” water
  - ☐ Iron or “hard” water
  - ☐ Sulfur odor, other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Generally how does your water smell?
  - ☐ No smell
  - ☐ Foul smell
- Generally how does your water taste?
  - ☐ No taste
  - ☐ Bad taste (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Generally how does your water look?
  - ☐ Clear
  - ☐ Cloudy
  - ☐ Dirty
- Do you drink tap water or bottled water?
  - ☐ Tap
  - ☐ Filtered tap
  - ☐ Bottled (give reason) \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you use bottled water for cooking in your home?
  - ☐ No
  - ☐ Yes (give reason) \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have water-saving devices (low-flow faucets, toilets, showerheads, etc) installed in your home?
  - ☐ No
  - ☐ Some
  - ☐ All
- Do you have equipment in your home to make the water quality better?
  - ☐ No
  - ☐ Yes (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Overall, are you satisfied with your tap water?
  - ☐ Yes

No (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_