

Village of Phoenix Board & Administration

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Message from the Mayor

The Village board is always pursuing new projects that will increase the quality of life in the Village. These projects are conceived based on the direction the Village is taking which is outlined in the Village comprehensive plan and governmental oversights like the DEC and Health Department. The most recently completed project was the new connection to OCWA. This project took over two years to complete but it was first priority to the board because it was a health issue. While the new connection was being completed other projects were started.

The next focus for the Village will be to reduce the amount of storm water in the sanitary sewer system. The Village has received a consent order to revise this problem from the DEC over ten years ago. The Village completed a sewer system analysis to identify issues within the system and a program to correct the problem. Only in the last year has the Village made strides to fix the problem. The first phase of the program was to install a belt filter press and change the personnel coverage at the waste water treatment plant. Now that the DEC has approved the first phase the Village is working on phase two which will be to reduce/eliminate storm water from entering the sanitary sewer system. This will be achieved by increasing storm water systems for residential connections for downspouts and sump pump water.

Other projects that are easily noticeable include the "Restore NY" grant which was awarded to the Vault and Distillery. "Restore NY" is a New York State Grant that the Village applied for and was awarded on behalf of the two businesses. The Bridge House was

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renovated and dock seating was expanded and resurfaced through a DASNY grant. This is a New York State grant that Senator Ritchie was able to secure. The Village recently received another DASNY grant to renovate the Pond on Lock Street. The Village is hopeful that improvements on the pond will begin summer 2018.

The Village used its Comprehensive Plan to secure a grant through Empire State Development Corporation to complete a marina feasibility study. This study is to look into the success of a marina and high-end housing and the impact of a new business in the Village. The feasibility study should be completed by spring.

An ongoing grant the Village has had a great opportunity to receive multiple times is the CNY Community Arts Program. This grant supplements the cost of the Village's Friday night concerts in the Park. The Village is looking to expand the concerts to include a couple Saturdays. Even with the grant these concerts would not be possible without the support and donations of our community and businesses.

The Village board is always looking into new grant opportunities to keep the Village moving in a positive way. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Mayor Ryan Wood



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Police Department
Please dial 911

Police Department News

We have had a very busy fall, hosting a Halloween party for our village youth. I would like to Thank our sponsors, our community, for their donations of glow sticks, and Just Donuts for supplying all refreshments including a candy bar, donuts, and cider.

On November 21st Girl Scout Troop 10459 Hosted the Phoenix Police and Fire Dept. to a wonderful Thanksgiving meal- can't thank them enough!

We were also able to receive approximately 13 turkey's and all the fixins from our community to which we provided 12 families with everything they needed to have a great Thanks Giving- our community members deserve a huge shout out for always helping and donating!

On December 9th, we are hosting a "Shop with a Cop" event, hosting 10 local children in need, so that they could have an awesome Christmas. I again would like to Thank all of the businesses who helped to sponsor this, J&J Collision, Just Donuts, Medicine Place, RFH's, Phoenix Rising, Driver's Village, Bombadil's and citizen sponsors. What a wonderful event!

We are gearing up for our Senior Citizen CHOOSE basket deliveries, this will take place on Dec. 17th, and donations including small gifts or handmade crafts would be welcomed.

Inclement weather is inevitable so I would like to remind everyone that parking on Village streets between November 1st and April 1st between the hours of 2am-6am is prohibited, you will be subject to ticketing and towing.

We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe Holiday's please do your part by driving sober, the life you save may be your own.

Martin Nerber – Police Chief

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.

Community Event Calendar

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

December 16, 2017

9:00 am-12:00 pm – 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa – Phoenix Rising

Sweet Memorial Building

January 28, 2017

1:00 pm-4:00pm – Crocks on the Lock – Phoenix Rising
Henley Park/ State Street

Village Elections

The next Village election will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. This election will be for two (2) trustee positions each for a two (2) year term. Voting will be held at the Enterprise Fire Department, 457 Main Street between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm.



The Village Board and Employees would like to wish our residents a Joyful Holiday and a Happy New Year!

From the Clerk's Office

All unpaid utility bills (water/sewer/garbage) at the end of the year will be turned over to Oswego County and appear as a levy on residents' 2018-2019 Village Taxes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village Clerk, at (315) 695-2484 or (315) 695-4084.

Roxanne Demo – Village Clerk



D.P.W. News

The DPW has been very busy this past summer. We have gotten a lot of sidewalks replaced from our sidewalk program and we encourage residents to send a letter to the clerk's office if you would like to be put on the list or to call if you have any questions on how the program works. The DPW staff has also been involved with improving the water quality at the new water pump house and they are very busy working on some updates at our Waste Water Treatment Plant as well. As always if you are experiencing any problems with your water or sewer please feel free to call the office to have someone look at the issue before calling in a professional. As you all know winter is knocking on our door and I would like to share some reminders to everyone. There is no overnight parking on Village streets during the winter months. The plows cannot fit through the streets with cars parked there and sections of streets will not get cleared in this case. Please do not blow or shovel snow into the streets. We do not plow your driveways in on purpose nor enjoy doing so but it is how streets are plowed. It costs residents extra money if we have to re-clean sections that people have thrown snow back into the streets and it is dangerous for vehicles. If you have a fire hydrant close by please try to keep it clean incase the fire department needs to access them. Basketball hoops need to be pulled back from the street sides. We cannot properly clean the roads with them on the edge of the road.



After the holidays the Department will be around regularly to pick up Christmas trees. If you would like to drop off your tree at the DPW during normal business hours someone is usually around to show you where they can be placed. We do not chip brush or pick up yard waste regularly in the winter months, unless from storms seeing how the department is busy plowing and maintaining equipment.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday season!

Thank You.

John Kerfien – D.P.W. Senior Crew Leader

From the Code Enforcement Office

It is that time of year again already... Our driveways and sidewalks will be covered with snow and it is our job to keep them clear. When shoveling, plowing or snow blowing your driveway and or sidewalk, please remember that it is illegal to put snow into the road. I understand the difficulty of trying to keep up with everything but keeping our sidewalks clear is a local law and it is required that all property owners keep them follow this law for safety and courtesy reasons. I think it is safe to say that almost all of us, or someone we know, such as the mail carriers, our children, dog walkers and in some cases, residents use “walking” as their mode of transportation. Let’s not only follow the law, but do our part to provide a safe atmosphere for all in our community during the harsh Winter months.

It’s now dark out early...yes way too early! Another reminder about your “HOUSE NUMBER”. Please take a few minutes and take a look at your house numbers, something we may take for granted but extremely important as well as a law! 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. This simple project is not only affordable but it could possible assist you or your family in a

time of need or during an emergency.

I would like to thank all those who have contacted me with permit and or code related questions. I also encourage all residents to download our “Code Enforcement Complaint Form” from our website or pick one up at the Clerk’s office and submit any code related concerns. I will do my best to remedy your concerns to the best of my ability. Thank You!

Jim Lynch – Code Enforcement



From the Village Administrator

I have been asked several times, “What is going into the old bank” and “Will the distillery be open to the public” So I thought it would be nice for the community to know what has been going on and what will continue to happen with a couple of destination properties soon to be open to the public. The Village of Phoenix was awarded a grant from Empire State Development Corporation’s Restore NY Program. Our Phoenix Improvement Project was awarded \$500,000.00 for construction and renovation work to two local properties in our Village business district. Along with a local match from the property owners of \$55,554.00, the total project cost is \$555,554.00.

A little about each destination location...

Lock 1 Distilling Company, LLC was founded in 2015. They released their flagship product “RYZE Vodka” to market on May 29, 2017. Since its debut, RYZE Vodka has won a Silver Medal from the 2017 New York World Wine and Spirits competition, and both a Triple Gold Medal as well as a Silver Medal for packaging at the 2017 Micro Liquor Spirits Awards. The current owners and employees at Lock 1 distilling Company have called Phoenix their home for most of their lives. They “Have deep roots here and are proud to a part of this great community and to help in its future economic growth, this grant will supercharge the growth of our

distilling company and will enable us to bring a beautifully remodeled facility and tasting room to the public in early 2018”.

****Brenden Backus , co-founder of Lock 1 Distilling Company, 17 Culvert Street in Phoenix.***

“The Restore NY grant awarded to our property, the old Phoenix Bank, will allow us to turn it into a viable place to operate a restaurant. As funny as it sounds, we are most excited about the approval of the new parking lot. With the success of Phoenix Martial Arts, Music in the Park, Loctoberfest and various other events the Village has successfully brought into our community, parking spaces downtown are hard to come by most evenings. Without this, creating a successful enterprise here would have been challenging. The mason currently working on the building is repointing brick, grinding out old joints and caulking. Loose bricks and concrete will no longer be a hazard or a worry. This grant is also allowing us to turn the second floor of the bank into a dining room by adding stairs and additional structural support. To operate safely, we will be adding second floor exit stairs, and interior stairs that meet NYS code. We will also be updating unreliable electrical wiring, waterproofing the basement, and replacing drafty doors and boarded up windows.

The restaurant will be serving more health conscience options during the day, and offering upscale-casual dining upstairs during the evening on weekends. The second floor dining space will be open seating during the day, and in the evening it will serve as the main dining room with an open service kitchen. We will also have special events upstairs-food and beverage pairings, wine and cheese making workshops and private parties. My wife and I both have extensive experience in the food and beverage industry. While Bridget is currently a successful Licensed Massage Therapist with offices in both Phoenix and Brewerton, she previously ran the food and beverage department at a local country club for ten years. Gordon has worked both as an executive chef and



food and beverage director for several resorts, cruise ships and private clubs across the county.

There is a lot of work left to do, but we can't wait to open for business this coming spring. We greatly appreciate the help from Jim Lynch, the Village of Phoenix and the grant writer Kristy LaManche. This would not be possible without their support, guidance and dedication."

**Gordon and Bridget Walts, 1 Bridge Street, Phoenix*

As our Village continues to grow and improve, behind the scenes work is being performed with our wastewater treatment plant to accommodate future

growth. Our new water source (OCWA) has been up and running for a few months and we have started the groundwork for the improvements to our Village's infrastructure with the award of a grant from NYS OCR Community Development Block Grant program in the amount of \$529,216.00. With all of these commercial, infrastructure and additional grants that the Village has received, I am actively researching grants and other funding opportunities to assist with our residents and your property maintenance and repair issues. These grants are very limited and difficult to locate but with the assistance of our grant writer, I will continue to

explore opportunities, large or small, for our residents to take advantage of.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletter articles, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have an article idea, a business or resident spotlight, old photographs or any bit of information you would like to share with our community!

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Jim Lynch – Village Administrator

Phoenix Rising Presents Our 3rd Annual



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

**Saturday, December 16th
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/>

RSVP with how many boys and girls will be attending

E-mail: phoenixrising13135@gmail.com or (315) 695-4084



"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, 2017 – December 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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