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Village of Phoenix

Newsletter

December 2018



Message from the Mayor

The Village of Phoenix is getting an upgrade. Our Village offices and buildings have already been upgraded to new LED lights and our street lights are next. The new street lights along with the upgrade to Village buildings will decrease annual cost of power. Installation should take place over the next few months.

While considering annual cost the Village decided to sell some of its excess property. The Village owned the property on Park Street behind the high school. The Village was not using this property any longer and could see potential for another group to improve the land. Wanting to preserve the integrity of the property, the board accepted an offer from the school district.

The school district described a new sports arena for the land. A sports arena would keep the land use the same while increasing tourism within the Village. Increasing tourism will help maintain our local businesses while bringing in a few new ones. Since this parcel was declared park land, the Village needed approval from the State Senate and Assembly. Both houses agreed but have limited how the proceeds from the sale are to be used only to improve or create parklands. The funds will go towards the Lock Street Pond Project, improving the island and Bridge House areas and creating a community garden.

The Village will be holding an informational meeting in February to showcase what projects have been completed such as the Marina Feasibility project and to gather information about how to move forward with that project and others. Please look on the Village webpage and Facebook page for updates regarding the meeting and other information.

Mayor Ryan Wood

Meet your Trustees

For always taking pride in her property, constantly displaying kindness and for always going out of her way to help others, Traudi Ashby, of Candee Street, is the



first-ever recipient of Phoenix's Nice Neighbor Award.

Mrs. Ashby, who was nominated by neighbor Paul Griser, constantly exemplifies the qualities of a great neighbor. Traudi is always willing to help her fellow

neighbors and is truly the gold standard of Candee Street as it relates to taking pride in her property.

"Traudi is always quick to wake and offer help in any way she can," said Griser. "She's always making me want to flower and plant, but keeping up with her is impossible!"

Griser said he also enjoys the silly pranks he and Traudi play on each other, which only further showcase Traudi's neighborly ways.

"When my fiancé and I moved here, Traudi and her husband, Rick, were quick to welcome us to the community. We truly thank them for always being there for us. They're not too bad for Vikings fans!"

Trustee Paul Griser

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Police Department
Please dial 911



Police Department News

Well, we all hated to see our fabulous Summer leave so quickly and leaf (leave) us with all that Fall rain but it's now time for that nasty "S" word.

Having said that, it is time to make sure that we don't park our cars on the streets from November 1st to March 31st between the hours of 2am and 6am. We have started issuing warning tickets and soon enough if the warning hint isn't taken seriously you will have to pay the fine for the real ticket and face the possibility of having your vehicle towed. We would rather not, but having the streets cleared is essential for our DPW to do their job in an efficient manner. To those of you that are making sure your cars are off the streets, I thank you.

On December 2nd, we again will be hosting our "Shop with a Cop" at the Walmart store located in Fulton. We received a grant from Walmart and will now be holding our events at the Fulton Walmart. This program has been a great success and has allowed many children to have a great Christmas and to have some positive interactions with our Police department. This program only works because of generous grants from Walmart, Medicine Place, Richard Shine Foundation, Clay Sportsman Club, Bull and Bear, Upstate Shredding/Adam Weitsman, and private donations. You haven't experienced the true magic of Christmas until you have interacted with these children in this program, an unbelievable encounter, I thank our supporters from the bottom of my heart.

On December 17th we will be visiting our Senior citizens with Santa spreading cheer again as part of our C.H.O.O.S.E. program. We have upwards of 45 senior citizens enrolled to date. If you know of a senior citizen in the Village that would be interested in home visits and checks please pick up an application at the police department. We would also gladly accept any donations of money, small gifts, or gift cards to help brighten their holidays. We certainly do appreciate the support we receive from the community.

In closing I would like to wish you all the happiest and healthiest Christmas and hope that all would promote peace and friendship amongst your neighbors and fellow citizens. It sure does make our job easier, you don't want to be on Santa's naughty list do you?

Thank You

Martin Nerber – Police Chief



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-Les Brown-



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

December 1, 2018

**6:00 pm – Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY**

"Christmas Tree Light-up & Visit from Santa"

December 15, 2018

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Sweet Memorial Building – Phoenix Rising – Free Event
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY**

"Breakfast with Santa"

February 9, 2019

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Downtown Phoenix
Vickery Park Ice Rink – Phoenix Rising – Free Event**

"Phoenix Fun Free-z..."

Code Enforcement News

Those of you that know me well know how much I like the game of basketball. In the nice weather you will see me playing with kids and young adults of all ages. Portable basketball hoops, although lots of fun, have created quite a hazard and a potential safety issue. I have received increasingly numerous single and multiple complaints related to portable basketball hoops in the public right of way. These complaints are registered by neighbors who are unable to safely drive down the street while children are playing, from drivers of vehicles who have to go around the portable hoops, and from those who report the blocking of another person's driveway or sidewalk path. It also affects our school busses, snowplow vehicles and garbage trucks with portable hoops obstructing their service path.

This has become a classic clash of interests... Certainly, we want a place for our kids to play, but we ultimately want to keep them safe. As our school courts have been removed, even though we have provided a portable hoop in our municipal

lot, we may see more of these hoops springing up.

As per our Village code 147-3, which can be found on line on our website, it clearly states that the object is not to be placed within (6) six feet of the paved (outside) edge of any public roadway or street. There is a removal process and procedure by both the property owner as well as The Village.

Youth sports and community is very important to us all. Pickup basketball is where a lot of people still discover the game. It's the informal game, where people learn about competition and the mores of the game and the informal lingo of what it takes to play, beyond how to dribble, how to shoot and how to set a pick. I understand all of this. I also recognize that not every home has a suitable driveway for kids to play basketball in. My job as code enforcement is health and safety. Playing in the streets requires work from everyone to keep our kids safe while they play.

So as the Winter weather approaches, please be responsible property owners, parents and youth... remove your basketball hoop, clearly away from the street as well as the sidewalks. I will be informing my DPW crew and my Police Department of my intent to make the streets clear of any of these obstructions and notices and violations will be enforced. After the Winter season is over and Spring is upon us, bring the hoops back out, play responsibly, be courteous to motorists and follow the setback guidelines and I will be glad to continue playing with the kids during my free time.

I suggest anyone with any questions or concerns read our Village Code on line. For this particular subject, read section (code) 147-3. It may also benefit you to understand other areas of our code that pertains to property owners... such as unlicensed vehicles, house numbers, trash cans, sidewalk responsibility, etc...

Jim Lynch – Village Administrator

D.P.W. News

Hopefully everyone is ready for this coming winter season. As everyone has seen already in November Mother Nature has given us a little taste of what this snow season could hold for us. With that being said I would like to remind everyone about a few things that change through the Village for the winter season. There is no parking on Village streets from 2am-6am from November 1st until March 31st. This is so the snow plows can plow the streets and keep the snow off

the roads. A lot of streets are narrow and the plow trucks can't get down them and move the snow with vehicles parked on them. Also when snow blowing or shoveling driveways do not throw snow back into the street. It is a hazard for the vehicles on the streets and cost extra to have the streets re-cleaned. We do not put the snow in your driveways on purpose, it's just the only way to clean the streets. We apologize in advance for any damage on the edge of the roads that occur from plowing but we will be all around in the spring to address all plowing damage. Yard waste during the winter months is not picked up unless there is a storm that brings trees and such down and then the DPW will try and choose a good day to be able to remove some plowing equipment and pick up major waste from a storm. Christmas trees will be picked up after the Christmas holidays when weather permits. Please remember to drive careful through is winter season and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

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



Village of Phoenix Household Christmas Decorating Contest

RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

The Village of Phoenix will be holding a Business and Household Christmas Decorating Contest this season with the following dates:

**Registration Deadline: December 7, 2018
(Contact the Village Office)**

Judging Will Take Place: December 10, 2018

**Winners Announced: December 18, 2018
at our Village Board Meeting**

Registration can take place at The Village offices, 455 Main Street, Phoenix NY. Please read these rules and instructions and if you have any questions contact the Village Office at 315-695-2484.

1. Participation is open to all **Businesses** and **Households** within the Village of Phoenix limits.
2. Entry is free, no cost or fees apply.
3. Employees and board members of the Village of Phoenix are encouraged to

participate but will not be eligible to be awarded a winning vote.

4. Must be registered no later than 4:30pm on Friday, December 7, 2018.
5. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from outside the residence only.
6. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards.
7. Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the Village website and social media pages. Participant agrees there will be no compensation of any kind for said posting or publication.
8. Judging criteria will include [a] Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations; [b] Storyline or theme; [c] Display and placement of decorations, animated objects, etc.; and [d] Overall presentation.
9. Judging will be done from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on December 10, 2018.
10. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated for the judging period.
11. Prizes will be awarded: One 1st prize of a \$50 local area restaurant gift certificate for Business Winner; one 1st prize of a \$50 local area restaurant gift certificate for Household Winner – 2nd prize for each category will be awarded a \$25 local area gift certificate.

12. Winners will be announced at the Regular Village Board Meeting on December 18, 2018.
13. Winners need not be present to win and if not present will be notified by telephone.

14. Be creative, be festive, have fun!

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Village Administrator News

10 Interesting Facts About the History of Public Administration

Public administration has a rich history that dates back to the Greeks. Public administration is putting laws in action to better serve a civilization and the public. While the idea of public administration dates back thousands of years, it played a significant role throughout history as countries developed and new technology changed the way we live and interact. Here's a look at 10 interesting facts about the history of public administration. It's interesting to see how far we've come and how public administration continues to develop as we deal with new challenges like the Internet and public safety. A lot of these challenges, most residents do not always see.

1. 400 B.C. Plato recognizes the separation between management and develops the concept of democracy. At this time, the Greek people begin electing their leaders and become educated on social services. It is also at this time that politician's begin a very loose version of campaigning to expose ideas and platforms in order to gain a place in office.

2. 325 B.C. We all know Alexander the Great wasn't a guy who messed around. His organizational skills were beyond his time and helped him organize an army large enough (and smart enough) to conquer most of the world. This isn't your typical public administration, but it does illustrate how important proper delegation helps the government (or ruling party) conquer quickly.

3. 1525 Machiavelli realizes that cohesiveness and organization are essential tools for public administration. He also realizes that its most effective when you have a group of people who committed to a cause, versus a group of people who are being forced to participate. Machiavelli also established leadership qualities in subordinates.

4. 1776 Adam Smith pens his book, Wealth of Nations which discusses public administration and specialization. The book focuses on the economic state of America

and what creates a wealthy nation. Smith's book becomes a benchmark for developing effective public administration that creates a capitalistic society.

5.1801 Thomas Jefferson creates the spoils system, sometimes known as the patronage system, in America. This tactic ensures voters are bargained with by the promise of jobs and wage raises by politicians running for office. In modern voting, this process is often called the political machine and is now done in a less blatant way.

6. 1883 The Pendleton Act is created and slows down the spoils system. At this time the U.S. Civil Service Commission is developed due to President James Garfield's assassination. The man responsible for killing President Garfield is said to have been rejected from a civil service position. The Civil Service Commission prevents government officials from terminating civil servants without reason and requires civil servant exams for select positions.

7.1900 Economist Fredric Taylor develops the need for budgets, cooperation between management and labor workers, and studying work methods to become more effective for the future. Taylor is dubbed the "father of scientific management." Taylor had a plan for which a socialist economy could become self-sufficient society.

8. 1927 Sociologist Elton Mayo starts the management system study of a Chicago electric company. This study looks at how environment effects productivity. This study becomes the first of its kind and is used in the management department of various industries to discover how to improve productivity and Mayo's study leads the Humans Relation Movement. One of the major things learned from this study is that monetary incentive means less to employees than belonging to a group and team morale.

9.1964 The Civil Rights Act is created, protecting workers regardless of their sex, religion, race, creed or national origin. At the time, the Civil Rights Act is only implemented in the private sector work force. In 1972, the Civil Rights Act is passed for the public work sector as well.

10.1990 It wasn't until 1990 that the American Disabilities Act was passed. This protects disabled in the work place and applies the Civil Rights Act towards disabled people accessing public and private domains. There are several parts to the America Disabilities Act and it was most recently amended in 2009 to overturn a Supreme Court ruling from over a decade ago that deemed a person could not be defined as disabled if they were working.

Public administration is an ever evolving area. It's a subject we can learn a lot from and learn where we might be headed when implementing new laws. Organization and innovation are key factors in helping public administration develop in modern society. From Plato to Adam Smith, iconic historical figures have shown the people how to embrace their power. Public administration is the art of putting effective laws into place in the best interest of the people. As we all would like to see new sidewalks, curbing, removal of aged trees and the planting of new ones, beautification projects, improvements to our aging infrastructure, more tax base, some select stores and retail shops, lower taxes and utility bills, higher property values and everything on all of our wish lists... the reality is in a small Village like ours, things take time. From our newly painted orange snowplow blades to improve visibility and safety, to taking advantage of free and low cost training for our department heads and staff or our new initiative which you will see happening over the next few months which is converting all of our 221 street lights over to a cost savings LED lamping. We are constantly exploring our resources and looking for ways to check things off your wish list. Our DPW, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Department, Clerk's Office, Police Department, Library and your Village Board all work together to maintain and keep our yearly budget on

track while implementing innovative ideas to keep moving forward.

As always, I encourage resident's input and questions so please feel free to stop by the Clerk's office to see me or call me at any time at 315-695-1307.

Jim Lynch — Village Administrator

P NICE NEIGHBOR AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

(Winners will be selected each month and will be recognized by the village board.)

NOMINEE NAME _____

NOMINEE ADDRESS _____

NOMINATOR NAME _____

NOMINATOR ADDRESS _____

NOMINATOR PHONE NUMBER _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION: _____

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You can download the Nice Neighbor Award Form from our website www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov

Sing along with our friends "Sean Fried and Payton Bird" as they join us with the sounds of Christmas as we celebrate our annual Christmas Tree Lighting



Community Christmas Light Up

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Meet Santa at 6:00 PM

Picture with Santa • Free Gift For Kids • Free Refreshment

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