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Message from the Mayor

With the fading beauty of fall come the darkening days of winter! But what a fall it was! Our Locktoberfest was, yet again, spectacular & memorable, followed by the frightening display of Grimsley's Gorge haunted house set in the Sweet Memorial Building and the Halloween party in the fire barn. These are just a couple of Village events that happen throughout the year that bring us together as a community!

With the onset of winter coming let us be mindful, especially if you have elderly or disabled neighbors, lend a hand with their sidewalks and reach out from time to time to be sure they are ok.

Be sure to stop down to our tree lighting ceremony on December 7th at 6:30 pm Santa will be arriving to assist in getting the lights on, along with Carolers and festivities in the Sweet Memorial Building.

That being said I would like to wish you all a very safe and merry holiday season, with the happiest of New Years!

As always my door and phone are always open to listen to your concerns or just to chat.

Mayor Caleb Sweet

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP
Saturday, December 7
Sweet Memorial Building



Village of Phoenix Newsletter

December 2019



Police Department News

Unfortunately it is that time of year again that I have to remind all of our residents to abide by our winter parking regulations to assist our DPW in their snow removal operations. No vehicle shall be parked on the street from November 1st until April 1st between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Should you violate this ordinance you are subject to a \$25.00 fine and the possibility of your vehicle being towed. Please encourage your guests and remind your friends and neighbors, we would much rather have compliance than write tickets.

With old man winter upon us remember that most crashes are preventable (notice I did not call them accidents), I have included a list of safe driving tips and preparation for winter navigation:

1. Leave early, give yourself extra time to make your destination, unsafe speed for road conditions is hazardous and often leads to crashes.
2. Clean all snow and ice from your windows.
3. Know your vehicle and braking system, find a parking lot and see how your car reacts on snow and icy road conditions.
4. Avoid unnecessary trips or travel during storms.
5. Give other motorists plenty of space, don't be the tailgater.
6. Don't drive distracted and wear your seat belt.
7. Remember if you're traveling when you don't need to, you're putting yourself and others in danger, give the highway crews space to do their jobs.
8. Use COMMON SENSE.
9. You should carry items in your car such as, a couple of bags of kitty litter (for weight and traction), a small shovel, flashlight, extra warm clothes, and some sort of food for energy.



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For Emergency Please dial 911

I would also like to remind everyone that our rivers seldom freeze to the point of being safe, moving water is less likely to freeze. So practice safety and common sense when it comes to frozen bodies of water.

Please be good citizens and check on your senior neighbors, make sure their needs are met like adequate heat, food, and snow removal. Please contact our police department with any concerns you may have or assistance they may need. We will be visiting our seniors on December 16th, we usually bring them goodie bags made up of donations. We will accept gift cards, puzzles, candles, new blankets, any items that would be appreciated, they can be dropped off at the Police Department. We have approximately 40 Senior Citizens that are part of our C.H.O.O.S.E. program that we check in on. As always thank you for your support of our community programs.

Stay safe and watch out for others, be a leader.....

Martin Nerber – Police Chief



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

December 7, 2019

6:30 pm, Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY
Community Christmas Light Up.

December 14, 2019

10:00 am-2:00 pm – United Methodist Church – 49 Jefferson St, Phoenix, NY
“Christmas Cookie Walk”

December 17, 2019

6:30 pm-7:30 pm – United Methodist Church – 49 Jefferson St, Phoenix, NY
“Christmas Caroling”

December 21, 2019

9:00 am-12:00 pm – Sweet Memorial Building – Phoenix Rising – Free Event
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY
“5th Annual Breakfast with Santa”

January 26, 2020

9:00 am-12:00 pm – Free Event
Downtown Business District, State Street, Phoenix, NY – Phoenix Rising
“3rd Annual Crocs on the Lock”

February 8, 2020

11:00 am-1:00 pm – Free Event
Downtown Phoenix, Vickery Park Ice Rink – Phoenix Rising
“4th Annual Fun Free-z...”

Village Administrator News

Whether you define “community” as the area you live in, the place you work, your religion, a favorite fitness group, or all of the above, community -- and inclusion in it -- can become the lifeblood of our changing world.

We have all read or learned from various articles and studies that what really makes us happy comes down to connections with other people - our community... Our Village.

Outside of the obvious helping others aspect, there's an array of personal benefits too. It boosts your confidence. Knowing that you can make a difference encourages a strong sense of self-belief. And contributing to your community can deliver a strong and incredibly beneficial sense of purpose. Here are five easy ways to do it...

Help Clean Up

Building a clean community starts at home with simple habits such as recycling and maintaining a clean yard, but to really transform your neighborhood you'll need manpower. Either take charge or encourage your fellow residents to tackle a project -- fixing an unsightly fence, for example -- or join an existing initiative. The Village now has several options for almost anyone who is interested.

By getting together we connect with like-minded people whose efforts collectively help make where we live cleaner, safer and more enjoyable. There's something about standing shoulder to shoulder with others who want to contribute that boosts the soul.

Try Being A Mentor

Mentoring is a way to share your area of core expertise with someone who can value the insights you've had over the course of your life and career.

For the person being mentored it's invaluable to hear the struggles and breakthroughs that you've had and the wisdom of your hindsight. And it can help you gain insight on your own journey and see how it has shaped you today. Especially significant for young people, mentoring can provide a positive role model during critical formative years.

Offer Your Skills - Whatever They May Be

You don't need to do something that doesn't come naturally to you in order to engage with your community. In fact, you likely already have a skill that's of value.

Sometimes our community organizations do need people to invest time into a project or a mission, and many would benefit so much

more from a donation of your professional skills and expertise.

Be Friendly

Being warm, open and caring can have a direct impact and has been proven to have a positive influence on both you and others. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know, strike up conversation with the server at your local restaurant, offer to look after a neighbor's cat or dog -- the list goes on. These actions have been shown to have a contagious affect, meaning we can encourage others to behave positively by our own actions, especially the next generation - children learn by example.

We have a lot of things happening in our Village... I am sure there is something for all to enjoy and participate in. The Enterprise Fire Company is always looking for new volunteers, Erin's Angels, Phoenix Rising, The Lions Club and more local groups are actively involved in community engagements.

In my day to day administrative activities I hear all types of comments about Village life whether it is current from new residents to the community or lifelong residents reminiscing of how the Village used to be and how life was much simpler. I am all about historical preservation, learning the history of various businesses and factories of yesteryear. It is fascinating to me and I learn something new each week it seems from either the Historical Society, residents, or our own historian “Trustee Danny Dunn” and many others... but let's not also forget that we need to focus and plan for our future. Your Village board, past and present, have been and still are committed to the growth of our community while preserving what we can to maintain the nostalgic hometown feel that so many enjoy. The downtown district has no vacant storefronts, we currently have various eateries, antique shops, professional services, boutiques, salons, healthcare services, business services and more. Soon you will see the new “Old Brick Bank Bistro” open its doors for business, The Lock 1 Distilling Company continues to enhance their menu and offerings along with live entertainment, Duskee's Bar & Grill, Larkin's Family Restaurant, Bombadil's Tavern, Cam's NY Pizzeria, Thrive Café and other restaurants just outside our Village allows you the opportunity to enjoy what is right here without traveling very far while you shop and eat local. Soon you will see a transformation of a few properties on Main Street and the development site on Volney Street which will also provide various levels of small scale stores to maintain the Village feel while providing economic growth to aid in our limited tax base.

As always, I am usually available to discuss Village and resident's questions, comments and or concerns. I encourage ideas, suggestions and anything to help improve the quality of life that we all enjoy here in our Village.

Optimistically Yours,

Jim Lynch — Village Administrator

D.P.W. News

Hopefully everyone is ready for this coming winter season. With that being said I would to remind everyone about a few things that change through the Village for the winter months. There is no parking on Village streets from 2:00 am-6:00 am from November 1st until April 1st. A lot of streets are narrow and the plow trucks can't get down them and move the snow with vehicles parked on the street. Also when snow blowing or shoveling driveways do not throw the 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 will be back around in the spring to address all plow damage on the side of the roads.

Yard waste during the winter months is not picked up unless there is a storm that brings trees and debris 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 holiday when weather permits.

Please remember to drive careful through this winter season and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.
Sincerely,

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

Codes News

Just a few Winter safety tips that can easily be done in and around your home... Make sure you're prepared for the Phoenix winter months with the following tips to help keep you and your family safe.

Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries.

Are there batteries in them? Are the batteries current? Batteries lose their charge. Make a habit of changing batteries—some people use daylight saving time as a trigger to remind them to test their smoke or carbon monoxide

detectors and change their batteries. Home fire alarms last about 10 years. Tip: Write the expiration date for your home fire alarm on the outside of the device where you can see it. Generally, your alarm's expiration date is hidden after installation because it's usually under the alarm or on top of the device next to the ceiling.

Warm your car outside.

If you warm your car in a garage before leaving your home, be sure to park it outside of the garage with the garage door closed to avoid carbon monoxide entering the house.

Prevent water pipes from freezing.

Turn off the water valve connected to the outside faucets.

Holiday safety tips:

Keep holiday electrical cords and lights away from water. Use battery operated candles.

Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). If water and electrical receptacles are in close proximity to the circuits, make sure they are protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). They should be tested by pushing the test and reset buttons on the GFCI to be sure they are working properly to keep you safe.

Home heating inspection.

A major aspect of the annual maintenance of your home heating system is to check the safety limits and burners for proper operation. Given proper care and attention, your home's heating and cooling system can last as long as 15 to 20 years.

Annually inspect your wood-burning fireplace chimney.

Wood-burning fireplace chimneys need to be checked and cleaned of soot and creosote buildup to ensure proper air flow.

Check clothes dryer vents.

Clothes dryer vents should be checked for a buildup of lint. If drying times are getting longer, it means the vent may be getting restricted and not allowing the proper airflow through the appliance

Inspect your basement floor drain.

Basement floor drains can let deadly sewer gas into the basement if there is no water in their traps. Pour some water down the floor drain every few months to be sure gas will not come out of them. The same goes for that long-neglected basement bathroom sink and toilet. They need water in the drain pipes.

Jim Lynch — Code Enforcement

Don't start your day
with the broken pieces of
yesterday. Every day is a fresh
start. Each day is a new
beginning. Every morning we
wake up is the first day of
our new life.



PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 4th
6:30 pm - Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE PRESENT
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS
OR CONCERNS.

PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU HAVE ANY
INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING WITHIN
YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD or STREET

Thank You!



Phoenix Rising Presents
Our 5th Annual



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

Saturday, December 21st

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



3rd Annual CROCS

ON THE

LOCK

***Live Music**
***Fire Barrels**
***Ice Bar**

COMMUNITY COOK OFF

Bring your crockpots, grills, or anything else you can cook on and enter this fun contest! We encourage themed setups with tents, truck decorations, favorite team jerseys, etc. Phoenix Rising will provide the winner with an awesome crockpot, as well as the coveted perpetual trophy!

PHOENIX RISING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Participants must call or text Jim Lynch at 315-575-3316

Phoenix Chorus & Drama Boosters presents
the first annual



February 17 to 22

\$10 Entry Fee

*Must be 18 years of age or older to register

**Register at the Phoenix Public Library Starting
December 16th**

during normal business hours.

**Payment must be made at time of registration
to receive your information packet.**

Registration ends February 10th.

**Take a trip through time and explore Phoenix
in a week long scavenger hunt!**

**Be the first to find the Firebird
and you will win \$1000!**

Any further questions can be emailed to
phoenixchorusanddramaboosters@gmail.com

Christmas

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 14th

10:00am -1:00pm

(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!



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