

**Village of Phoenix
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Village of Phoenix

Newsletter

March 2016

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Message from the Mayor

The Village had projected that the water source would be switched over to Metropolitan water board at the end of March. The Village Board, along with its departments, did its due diligence and submitted all documents to appropriate departments in New York State and Oswego County in November. The State and County held the plans for two months and in the end each had costly revisions. The Village worked hard to address their concerns and removed some of the costly revisions. After another month of reviews the State and County mandated that the Village must perform a hydraulic analysis of the water system before final approval can be made. The hydraulic analysis is a minimum three month process after which the State and County must review and give their final approval. The new timeline for the water switch over is the end of July or August 2016. The Village Board is committed to make sure that the process happens as quickly as possible. New water rates are being examined during this time period to anticipate the cost of the infrastructure project along with the cost of purchasing the water from Metropolitan Water Board.

As spring gets closer and residents start working outside, the Village would like to remind everyone of a few things. The D.P.W. picks up yard waste on Fridays (leaves must be in brown bags and near the road, brush must be piled near the road, cut into two feet sections and light enough for one person to pick up). Music in the park will be starting in July again this year on Mondays (sponsored by the Town) and Fridays (sponsored by the Village). Look for the event schedule on the Village website and in the next Village newsletter. Along with music in the park on Monday's there will be a farmers market (sponsored by the Methodist Church) on State Street next to Henley Park. The Village Board is

determined to fix the sidewalks throughout the Village. The Village has dedicated \$5,000 each year toward sidewalk repairs. State regulations allow the Village to contribute only 50% of the cost since sidewalks are resident's responsibility. If you would like to be considered for the sidewalk program please send a letter to the Village office addressed to the "Sidewalk Committee". As a reminder the Village is committed to helping residents with the cost of sidewalks and will give priority to those with public hazards. If property is deemed a public hazard and the land owner is not taking actions to correct the problem the Village will issue a code



violation under property maintenance. One of the biggest complaints the Village receives throughout the year is dog barking complaints. Please remember that the Village does have a noise ordinance, but mainly remember to respect your neighbors and community by adhering to these ordinances and listen for your dog when you let them out. Lastly the subsequent newsletter will contain a community calendar. All community groups can share events that they have planned for the year; businesses are limited to entertainment and group events. Event(s) must be submitted to Roxanne Demo rdemo@villageofphoenix-ny.gov at the Clerk's office by email with organizational name, date, time and place of the event by May 13, 2016 in order to be included in the next Village newsletter.

Mayor Ryan Wood

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Police Department

Please dial 911

D.P.W. News...

Although most of the winter felt like spring, it will be here very soon. After the snow has all melted the DPW crew will be working on spring clean-up. They will be out repairing road sides from plow damage and filling pot holes on roadways. Rain and snow melt usually cause's a lot of drainage issues and we will be doing our best to keep storm drains and creeks cleared out and cleaned off to keep water drained from roadways and yards. We will be around to collect bagged yard waste and brush hopefully by the end of March or beginning of April as long as the weather cooperates.



Water main flushing this spring will be done the week of spring recess from school which is **April 25-29**. All areas of the Village will experience discolored

water from time to time during the day while this is taking place. This helps keep deposits of iron and minerals that are in most water systems flushed out. Hope to see you getting out and enjoying the spring weather!

John Kerfien – D.P.W. Crew Leader

Police Department News

We have had an incredibly mild winter which saves all of our vehicles from unnecessary dents and dings, however we may not be out of the woods yet so please remember- 4 wheel drive doesn't give you super driving powers, slow down and keep us all safe. Please watch for children with the snow banks which can cut visibility.

Our Christmas with our Senior Citizen C.H.O.O.S.E. participant's was by far the best yet, to bring cheer to all of our friends was just simply rewarding. We visited with them on Valentine's Day delivering orange carnations, the bond and friendships formed are incredible. Our local Girl Scout Troop has an Easter surprise in store for them also. If you have a senior friend or relative, come in and sign them up or urge them to do the same, the program has seen great success. As spring approaches we are preparing to launch our Marine Patrol, the vessel, a

2004 SeaSwirl was given to us by the NYS Parks and Recreation department. With our growing waterfront and revitalizations we anticipate that it will be an invaluable tool, we are sending a couple of officers to training in May. We hope to work alongside the Enterprise Fire Department in utilizing and maximizing our resources. It will give peace of mind to know we can make our waterways safer for our Village by the River.

We recently launched our K.I.N.D. program which is the acronym for Kids In Need of Direction. If you know someone that would benefit from a big brother/sister program let us know. This project is new and still in the infancy stage so I don't have a lot to share yet. We would ask also to take note: Often we only have one officer on duty, we like them on the streets. If you come to the office to speak to us, chances are we are not in, we don't man the office. To see or speak to one of us, call 911, let the dispatcher know what your need is and where you would like to meet with one of us, we will respond as quickly as we can. Remember, we are your police department, we pride ourselves in that. Until the next newsletter, please practice common sense, our residents are our greatest resource.

Martin Nerber – Police Chief

From the Code Enforcement Officer



With spring approaching and we all begin to enjoy the weather and work outside, please check your yard and sidewalk for debris. Before you begin any of your new projects, it is always best to check in with the Code Officer to avoid delays in projects. A simple call can save you time and money.

I will be glad to meet with you and discuss any questions, comments or concerns you may have related to your project or your neighborhood.

Thank you for your cooperation with keeping our Village clean and safe.

Don Ryan – Code Officer

Before Heading Outside: Spring Safety and Injury Prevention Tips



As the spring season gets under way, the Village of Phoenix encourages our residents to avoid injuries by these safety tips before heading out to the yard.

- Whether it is lifting a bag of mulch or a large flower pot, plan your lift and don't be in a hurry. Bend at the knees, not the waist and keep your back straight. Lift with your legs and thigh muscles keeping the item close to you as you lift. Do not twist at the waist and always ask for help for items that are heavy or bulky.
- Inspect lawn and garden power tools for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the item is damaged, have it repaired by a qualified technician or replace it. Thoroughly inspect tools prior to every use.
- Take care of your back during yard clean-up and planting. Sprains and strains can be avoided by varying tasks so that you're not making the same movement over and over for long periods of time.
- Before using the lawn mower for the first time this year, review the owner's manual. Be sure you know how to stop the mower in case of an emergency. Store gas in an appropriate UL approved container and store it away from your home.
- Whether your ladder is brand new or it has seen a few spring cleanings, read the instructions and warning labels before using it. Remember to use the 4-to-1 rule: for every four feet of ladder height, the bottom of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall or object it is leaning against.
- Always wear appropriate protective clothing that is necessary for the task, such as gloves, long pants, eye protection and sturdy footwear. This is especially critical when handling pesticides and fertilizers. Always wash hands and clothes after handling these materials.
- And don't forget to wear sunscreen.

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDARS



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

May 14, 2016

**8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Village Wide
Garage Sale Day**

May 26 – May 30, 2016

**Memorial Day Weekend at VFW (May
30th Parade 12:00 noon)**

June 24, 2016

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

July 8, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Ronda Helene

July 11, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Time Line

July 15, 2016

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

July 18, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
The Strangers

July 22, 2016

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

July 25, 2016

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

July 29, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
2 Feet Short

August 1, 2016

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

August 5, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Nelson Bros

August 8, 2016

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

August 12, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Nite Life

August 15, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Dan Elliot & The Monterays

August 19, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Flat Face & the Shempdells

August 22, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
The Fab Cats

August 22, 2016

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park
Music in the Park**
Better Than Bowling

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)



Check out our Free Library
Leave a book, take a book!

(Located on State Street at Henley Park)

****Important Trash Collection Information****

Dear Village of Phoenix Resident:
Trash and recyclables will be picked up
by **Butler Disposal System** under
contract with the Village of Phoenix.

The following is a list of guidelines and
requirements for trash collection:

- Trash and recyclables will be collected on Thursday between 6:00am and 6:00pm
- This collection may be changed during holiday weeks.
- Please place containers outside of road pavement and any gutters so as not to obstruct traffic or blocking drainage.
- Recyclable materials should be placed in the cans or bins you have used in the past.
- Trash and refuse must be placed in covered rigid plastic or metal containers.
- Full containers must not weigh more than 75lbs. Plastic bags not in covered containers or containers weighing more than 75 pounds will not be picked up.
- Paint cans will be collected if the tops are off, paint is completely dried (sand or cat litter) and the paint is placed next to the trash.
- Items that will **not** be collected include brush, leaves, grass clippings, cuttings, construction materials, sinks, carpets, white goods, and other appliances containing CFC's, batteries, automobile parts, electronics waste including TV's, computers, computer monitors, and microwaves. Any of these items mistakenly left at the curb will not be picked up, and according to Village regulations, must be removed from the street side before 6:00pm on collection day.

Most questions or complaints can be handled directly with **Butler Disposal Systems** at (315) 342-0832 or by e-mail at Dispatch@ButlerDisposalSystems.com Between 8:00am and 5:00pm. If they are not able to assist or resolve the issue, contact the Village of Phoenix Office at (315) 695-2484 or email at rdemo@villageofphoenix-ny.gov.

Very truly yours,

Todd Butler – Butler Disposal System



To acknowledge Earth Day's 46th anniversary this year, the Village of Phoenix is hosting a Village-Wide Clean-Up Day on April 24th. Residents are encouraged to join to protect our health and environment. For

village residents who will tend to their own property, there will be a dumpster located in the parking lot of North Island from 8:00am Sunday to 5:00pm Monday April 25th that you can use to discard your bags.

Schools, churches and civic groups are encouraged to join together to clean up an area in the Village.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Island at 12:00 noon to assist in picking up debris.

With everyone's participation, our Village will be ready for the upcoming events!

When it comes to the Earth, there is no time to waste!

Do you want to receive a colored newsletter electronically?

Email Laura at: newsletter@villageofphoenix-ny.gov



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“Dear Village of Phoenix Resident or Town of Schroepel Water Customer:

Please be advised the quarterly notice entitled “Important Information About Your Drinking Water” for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 has been posted in its entirety on the Village of Phoenix website at <http://villageofphoenix-ny.gov/> 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 am and 4:00 pm).

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.

VILLAGE OF PHOENIX”



The First United Methodist Church of Phoenix (49 Jefferson Street) is holding their 4th Annual Family Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26th at 11:00am and 2:00pm on the lower Level of the Church. This event is for ages 1-12 years and is free! Enjoy crafts, games, prizes and more! Pre-registration is helpful but not required. Forms are available at the Phoenix Public Library or at the church office during normal operating hours. For more information or to pre-register over the phone please call (315) 695-4746.

NOTICE:

Due to our recent trash pick-up contract and recently completed sewer related projects, the following increases will be reflected in your next utility bill:

Refuse \$5.00 additional per quarter (\$20.00 per year)
Sewer: \$7.80 per quarter (\$31.20 per year)



Did you know...?

Eagles are admired the world over as living symbols of power, freedom, and transcendence. The Eagles here in Phoenix had two little ones last year. If you would

like to observe them, take a trip to the North end of the Island, (by the boat launch) and you will see them fly by. They land into a tree across on the West side on the corner tree. You might even get to see one catch a fish. Here are a few pictures of the ones from Phoenix.

Pictures courtesy of Neal Cook.



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