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Village of Phoenix Newsletter

March 2018

Message from the Mayor

The government of the Village of Phoenix consists of a five member Board made up of the Mayor and four Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the management of all Village property and finances. They are charged with the protection of all Village property and the safety, health comfort and general welfare of Village residents. The Mayor presides over all Board of Trustees meetings and is responsible for ensuring that the decisions of the Board are fulfilled while overseeing all departments.

On March 20th, 2018 there will be a Village election for two of the four Trustee positions. Next year, the additional two Trustees along with the position of Mayor will hold election. For the second year in a row, there will be an open position for a Trustee. This position is critical to the Village because the Trustees help shape and lead the Village into the future. If anyone has an interest in serving their community by holding the position of Trustee, please feel free to reach out to me. Although this position takes a great deal of time and commitment, it is rewarding to be able to be a part of the growth and success of our community.

Please come out and show your support on Election Day. Elections will be between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm at the Enterprise Fire department.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Mayor of the Village of Phoenix and I hope to see some of you at our Village board meetings.

Mayor Ryan Wood



Police Department News

We have had our fair share of snow this year and I would like to Thank our citizens for



adhering to our overnight parking/snow removal ordinances, it's always nice to welcome spring after enduring the white stuff all winter. With that in mind keep a watch on

some of our social media sites such as Phoenix Rising, Village of Phoenix, and our own page for a Village wide Earth Day clean up. Its everyone's responsibility to help keep our Village clean, a place we can be proud of, please come join us.

We at the Police Department had one of our best



Holiday Seasons, we were able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to those families in need. We were also involved in the Hometown Hero's and Helpers program essentially taking nearly a dozen children in need shopping for Christmas. We also visited our CHOOSE senior citizens and delivered gift baskets to them. None of these programs would be possible without donations from our citizens who truly care about our community.

We are excited this year to introduce a K9 to our department, the funding is provided by Senator Ritchie's office.



We are hoping this furry officer will bring many things to Phoenix, including safety to our officers, suspect apprehension, drug detection, and tracking missing or lost persons. We fully intend to work with and

utilize the K9 in our schools routinely and when needed. Stay tuned we will invite our citizens to come out for a meet and greet this summer.

Another point that I would like to touch on our Village has been host to many successful outdoor events that has brought people into our Village to see what a treasure we have, from a police stand point I am proud to say that the events are not causing "police" related issues for us. I believe that people are pleased to see the activities and are supporting the Village.

Lastly I would just like to remind our citizens that our telephone number is 911, it is used for all police matters. Should you need to reach an officer, the 911 operators can contact them and get a message if necessary.

With the warm weather approaching please be courteous of our neighbors, keeping in mind that loud music, unruly pets, appearance of your home are all local laws that make a big difference in the quality of Village life.

Please be a responsible citizen by helping when you can and offering kind words. Our youth and Senior citizens need us, be the difference not the problem

Martin Nerber – Police Chief



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

March 24, 2018

6:30 pm-9:30 pm – Sweet Memorial Building - Comedy Night
Nick Marra and Friends
Sponsored by Phoenix Rising

April 29, 2018

2:00pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"The Schroeppel French Princess Mystery"

May 19, 2018

Village Wide Garage Sale Day
Sponsored by St. Stephen's Church

May 21, 2018

7:00pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Horses and Mules: Their Place in History"

May 25 – 28, 2018

Memorial Day Weekend at VFW
May 28th Parade 12:00 noon



June 8, 2018

9:00am – 2:00pm – Canal Days
Lock Island, Phoenix, NY

June 9, 2018

9:00am – Bratty Fun Run/Walk 5K
Henley Park

June 18, 2018

7:00pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Elmira Spencer: Civil War Nurse from Oswego"

June 22, 2018

4:00 pm-Dusk, St. Stephen's Church & Henley Park
Summer Strawberry Festival, Food & Music (Night Life Band) at Bridge House and FIREWORKS

July 6, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
The Other Guise

July 9, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Matt Chase & Thunder Canyon

July 13, 2018

9:00 am-11:00 am – Lock Island
Children's Fishing Derby

July 13, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Henry Band

July 14, 2018

1:00pm - ??? – Summer Kickoff Block Party "Flip-Flops and Firebirds" – State Street Business District
Sponsored by Phoenix Rising

July 16, 2018

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

July 20, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Two Feet Short

July 21, 2018

11:00am-3:00pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Blueberry Fest"

July 23, 2018

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Moonshine River Band

July 27, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Joe Whiting Duo

July 30, 2018

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

August 3, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Henry Band

August 6, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
The Other Guise

August 10, 2018

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

August 13, 2018

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

August 15, 2018

1:00pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Visit to Skā-noñh – Great Law of Peace Center"

August 17, 2018

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

August 20, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
The Terry and Joe Acoustic Show

August 24, 2017

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
Nite Life Band

August 27, 2018

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park
Music in the Park
American Eagle Band

September 11, 2018

6:30 pm, Henley Park
Community Vigil in Memory of those who lost their lives.
(Bring a candle and chair)

September 17, 2018

7:00pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Camp Syracuse"

October 6, 2018

11:00 am-8:00 pm – Locktoberfest
State Street Business District
Sponsored by Phoenix Rising

October 15, 2018

7:00 pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"All Things Cemetery"

November 12, 2018

7:00 pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Membership Meeting"

November 17 & 18, 2018

10:00 am-3:00 pm – Schroeppel Historical Society
"Local Art, Craft and Bake Sale"



Village Administrator News

I am asked regularly about my job and my position...

As Village Administrator of the Village, I am responsible to the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees for the daily administration and operations of the Village. Unless otherwise directed by the Village board, I strive to the best of my ability to maintain control of all matters and things pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the properties of the Village and all our departments.

On a daily basis, I try to improve policies and implement the goals established by the Village Board of Trustees while providing services to the residents of the Village in the most effective and economical manner. My office is responsible for the following:

- Proper and efficient administration of all operations of the Village, except as otherwise provided by law.
- Facilitation of Village administration and functions through coordination of various Village departments: (Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Engineering, Legal and Grant Administration)
- Ensuring that the staff provides quality service and continuous improvement in processes, procedures and implementations.
- Supervisory responsibility over Village staff.
- Coordination and communication with elected officials.
- Coordination with state and federal elected officials in effectuating positive legislation and funding programs in the Village of Phoenix and along the NYS Canal System.
- Ensuring that the ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the Village Board of Trustees and laws of the state, subject to enforcement by the administrator, are faithfully executed and enforced.
- In cooperation with our Village Clerk, Annual preparation of a proposed balanced operating budget, a capital budget and a capital improvements program for the Village if and when necessary.
- Promotion and coordination of community relations and public affairs programs; and, responding to resident's questions and concerns.

Along with striving to improve the overall quality of the inner workings of our Village, we also are dedicated to making as many improvements as possible for the enjoyment and safety of our Village residents.

So as I continuously write in my articles and ask residents on the street, please reach out to me with your questions, comments, concerns, newsletter article ideas or whatever comes to mind related to our Village.

I will tell you that if I know the answer or I can find a solution to your request, I will do so. If I do not have an answer, I will do my research and respond to you as quickly as possible.

I look forward to hearing your comments and your ideas and I assure you that myself and The Village staff will continue to do all that we can to improve the community in which we live and work.

Jim Lynch — Village Administrator



D.P.W. News

The DPW had a very productive winter this past year. We had minimal break downs while plowing and were able to get a lot of work done at the water and waste water plants and some various holiday decorations set up for the Village. As spring approaches the department will be out cleaning up plow damage and getting yard waste from residents cleaned up. Please remember we only pick up yard waste such as leaves and grass in paper biodegradable bags. Heavy material such as dirt and stones should be piled neatly in the right of way to be collected. Brush should be piled neatly with all cut ends toward the road to be chipped.

Spring water main flushing will be during schools spring break like in previous years. This year it is April 23 - 27. We will be starting the flushing Monday morning (23rd) between 7-8am and finishing each day around 5:30pm. It takes roughly 3-4 full days to flush the entire Village. Everyone should experience some lower pressures or discolored water from time to time. If you notice anything out of the ordinary please feel free to call the clerk's office.

The DPW has plans to work on various projects this summer. We will be out working on sidewalk replacements from our sidewalk program. If you would like any information please call or stop by the clerk's office for information. We will also be out working on different sections of roads fixing and patching and working on our sewer and drainage collection systems.

I hope everyone has a great spring and a happy Easter.

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

Water News & Conservation Tips from OCWA

Unlike many areas in the country, OCWA has access to adequate amounts of water that should meet both current and future needs. Otisco Lake can safely yield 25 million gallons of water per day. Lake Ontario is a direct connection to the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes contain 20% of the world's fresh water. However, even with this abundance, water must be used wisely. It takes energy and resources to treat and deliver the water to the consumer. On hot summer days demand can increase by as much as 67% over an average day's production. In an effort to promote the wise use of water and to avoid waste and reduce energy demands, please note the following conservation tips:

- Fix any leaky faucets. A leak streaming at 1/16 at 60 psi can amount to more than 24,000 gallons in one month.
- Water lawns only when necessary. When walking on the grass, does it spring back up? If it does, the lawn does not need watering.
- When watering lawns or gardens, give them a thorough soaking during the most effective time to water. This is after sunset and before 10:00 a.m., this allows more time for water to soak into the ground. Watering during daylight hours results in water loss due to evaporation. Timely watering also helps minimize energy and production peaks during the driest parts of the year.
- When washing a car, use a bucket for washing and turn on the hose only for rinsing. Do not let water run continuously from a hose when not in use.
- By placing a layer of mulch around trees and shrubs the moisture level is maintained for plants. Mulch will also discourage weed growth.
- If you have a swimming pool, fill it during the night when demands on power and production systems are less.

If you're interested in additional water savings tips call our Customer Service Department at 315455-7061 ext. 3335.



CLEAN THE VILLAGE FOR EARTH DAY!



Come join the Village of Phoenix employees, Phoenix Rising volunteers and your fellow neighbors as we do our part again this year in

recognition of Earth Day 2018. We will be gathering behind the Sweet memorial Building at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 21st. Please bring your rakes, gloves, shovels and we will provide the bags to help clean up our streets, parking lot, parks and islands! We hope to team up again this year with Tobacco Free Network this year out of Oswego. A limited number of T-Shirts and giveaways will be provided to participants when you arrive. Contact the Village Clerk at 315-695-2484 for more information.

From the Code Enforcement Office

Typical projects that may require approval include replacement of siding, windows and doors if there is any structural change to the dwelling. Permits are required for porches, steps, railings, fences, signage and most general construction....Please inquire before you start your next home improvement project.

Spring clean-up time is right around the corner... The Village Code and Property Maintenance Code of New York State contain provisions regulating junk cars, refuse and debris, tall grass and building maintenance such as peeling paint, broken doors, windows, shutters, gutters, trim, etc. You can report any noticeable violations to me at 315-695-1307.

Helpful Information to Homeowners...
Gradual Tax Exemption for Home/Building Improvements
New Oswego county Law - Certain classes of building owners can apply to receive a

gradual tax exemption for capital improvements to their structures. Gradual Tax Exemption for... Private Residential Homes. To receive an exemption, a building owner must apply to their local assessor using a form designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance. The exemption is limited to \$80,000.00 in increased value, based on the increased market value due to reconstruction or improvement projects. The exemption is calculated at 100% the first year and gradually declines to 12.5% the eighth year.

Additional information is posted on the Oswego County Real Property Tax website at <http://oswegocounty.com/rpts.shtml>. The Oswego County Real Property Tax Office is located in the Legislative Office Building, 46 East Bridge Street, Oswego, NY – (315) 349-8315

Jim Lynch — Code Enforcement

"Flip Flops & Firebirds"



Kick off to Summer Event
July 14th, 2018
1:00pm until

Downtown Phoenix

Sand Filled Parking Lot – Volley Ball
Tournament
Corn Hole Tournament
Music and More!



Contact Phoenix Rising
to register your team!

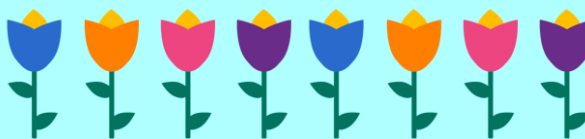


Schroeppele Historical Society



The Historical Society is a museum housed in gothic style, a former church that showcases history of the Village of Phoenix and the Oswego River Canal. The museum is open Saturdays from 1:00pm – 4:00pm during the months of June, July and August.

486 Main Street – Phoenix, NY
Contact Barb Dix at 315-695-6641 with any questions, comments, article ideas, donations or anything related to the History of our Village.



Village residents,

Please be advice there will be a \$2.50 increase per quarter for garbage due to an increase in billing.

Village Mayor and Trustees



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