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# Village of Phoenix

Newsletter

March 2019

# Message from the Mayor

Over the past two years the Village has seen an influx of new residents and many more looking at moving to the Village soon. In response to that the Village has created a welcome package that all new residents will be given. This welcome packet will be a snapshot of all the services that the Village offers and a list of businesses and organizations within the Village. There will be a letter from each department and the letter below will be the first one in the packet. As Mayor I would like to welcome you to the Village of Phoenix. Phoenix is a quaint Village with a population of over 2,000 people nestled within 1.2 square

Phoenix has a lot to offer its residents and visitors of all ages. Whether it is attending an event hosted by the Village, the school district or by one of the many different organizations within the Village, all are within walking distance. The different events can be found by visiting the Village website (villageofphoenix-ny.gov).

The Village has many different parks that offer different experiences. Our most active park throughout the year is Henley Park. Henley Park is the location of the historical Bridge House and home to world famous Bridge House Brats. Henley Park hosts live music concerts twice a week during the summer months which are free to the public. The Bridge House Brats program is a youth organization that teaches social skills





through community service and provides a free dockside service from local restaurants. The park also provides a large picnic area where families can eat and play while watching the boats travels on the water.

There are three more parks that offer the same picnic and family space with their own unique traits. There is a mini park with a shuffleboard area on the corner of Bridge and State Street, where you can watch boats go through the lock. Across the river is Lock Island which is larger than Henley Park. Lock Island provides a great space for fishing, large family events and coming soon, family camping. The island also has a large gazebo that makes the island useable even when the weather is not ideal. At the other end of the island is North Island. North Island provides water edge fishing, a boat launch including kayaks and canoes, and parking.

If you're looking for a smaller area to relax there is the Village pond on Lock Street between Elm Street and Sandra Drive. Down the block on Elm Street is the public library which offers many different activities throughout the year. Coming soon is a community garden at the corner of Jefferson and Culvert Street. The community garden will provide space for residents that want to grow fresh food. All of these parks are maintained by the Village DPW which works hard to keep the village looking great. During summer and fall they provide weekly yard waste pickup to all residents.

Enclosed is list of all organizations and businesses within the Village that provides activities and services throughout the year. I encourage you to attend or volunteer for as many events as you can. All of the organizations within the village are great groups of people that are always willing to help others. Once again welcome to the Village of Phoenix, I hope to see you at the next event.

## Mayor Ryan Wood



# **Meet your Trustees**

#### THEFT OF SERVICES

The Phoenix Code Book is a writing of the laws to be obeyed as a resident of our Village. These laws exist to make our Village a better place to live and to keep us all on the same page.

Phoenix Code 161-8 is in regard to having garbage brought in from outside the village. It is categorized as,

"Importation/relocation prohibited".

#### Part A.

Importation prohibited. Except as provided in this chapter or otherwise authorized by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees, no person shall place for collection, or cause to be placed for collection, any garbage, recyclable or non-recyclable rubbish, construction debris or other waste material defined at 161-1 hereof which has been generated outside of the Village.

#### Part B.

Relocation prohibited. Except as provided in this chapter or otherwise authorized by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees, no person shall place for collection, or cause to be placed for collection, any garbage, recyclable or non-recyclable rubbish, construction debris, or other waste material defined at 161.1 hereof at the curbside of a property other than the property where the garbage, recyclable or non-recyclable rubbish, construction debris or other waste material defined at 161-1 hereof has been generated.

#### 161-11. Penalties for Offenses.

Any violation of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or

imprisonment for up to 15 days or both such fine and imprisonment.

Your vigilance of our Neighborhood is an integral part of enforcement. Please notify the Code Enforcement Officer of any known non-compliance. This helps to keep our costs for Refuse at a fair price for all.

Thank you to each and everyone of you that helps to keep our Village looking good.

Trustee David Pendergast

# **Police Department News**

I would first like to thank all of our residents who adhered to our winter parking regulations, it helps our DPW keep our streets clear.

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you we will be unveiling a new community program focusing on bringing our neighborhoods together for a common goal of getting along and promoting those old fashion tight knit days we all remember. It doesn't have a name or acronym assigned to it yet but we will be stopping out and getting to know some or hopefully all of you bringing a partnership with your police and our citizens. As always I have an open door policy and I would welcome any ideas or suggestions that you may have to improve on what we do for you.

As spring approaches we sometimes get in a rush and we all have to remember that our children will be out and about, keep an eye for them near the streets. I have received a number of complaints of vehicles speeding through our school zones so please obey the speed limits in these areas and realize that we have a job to do and WE WILL BE AGGRESSIVELY ENFORCING those speed limits.

I would also like to put a reminder out that with the good weather we will all be out enjoying it, whether it's a cook out or just a gathering, please be respectful of your neighbors by paying attention to quality of life issues like extremely loud music or profanity.

We are very fortunate to employ Police Officers that care about this community so don't hesitate to stop and say hello or chat with them.

Working together we can all be proud of Phoenix!

**Martin Nerber** – Police Chief





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

April 13, 2019 6:30 pm-9:30 pm –Sweet Memorial Building - Comedy Night Steven Van Zandt Sponsored by Phoenix Rising

May 18, 2019 Village Wide Garage Sale Day Sponsored by St. Stephen's Church

May 25 – 27, 2019 Memorial Day Weekend at VFW May 27<sup>th</sup> Parade 12:00 noon

June 7, 2019 9:00am – 2:00pm – Canal Days Lock Island, Phoenix, NY

June 28, 2019 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, St. Stephen's Church & Henley Park

Summer Strawberry Festival, Food & Music (Night Life Band) at Bridge House and FIREWORKS at Dusk

July 5, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park The Other Guise

July 8, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Matt Chase & Thunder Canyon

July 12, 2019 9:30 am-11:30 am – Lock Island Children's Fishing Derby

July 12, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Vote for Pete

July 13, 2019
1:00pm - ??? - Summer Kickoff Block
Party "Flip-Flops and Firebirds" State Street Business District
Sponsored by Phoenix Rising

July 15, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Tom Gilbo & The Blue Suedes

July 19, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Rock Shadows Band

July 22, 2019 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Moonshine River Band July 26, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Two Feet Short

July 29, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park

Phoenix Community Concert Band (Rain location JCB)

August 2, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Hendry Band

August 3, 2019 10:00 am-1:00 pm – Town Park Family Fun Day Sponsored by Town of Schroeppel

August 5, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park The Other Guise

August 9, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Flat Face & the Shempdells

August 12, 2019 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Dan Elliot & The Monterays

August 16, 2019 5:30 pm-7:30 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Hendry Band

August 19, 2019 5:30 pm-7:30 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park The Terry and Joe Acoustic Show

August 23, 2017 5:30 pm-7:30 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park Nite Life Band

August 26, 2019 5:30 pm-7:30 pm – Henley Park Music in the Park American Eagle Band

September 11, 2019 6:30 pm, Henley Park Community Vigil in Memory of those who lost their lives.

(Bring a candle and chair)

October 5, 2019 11:00 am-8:00 pm – Locktoberfest State Street Business District Sponsored by Phoenix Rising



#### D.P.W. News

This winter was very eventful with lots of rain and snow events to keep the DPW guys very busy. Like always I'm sure there is a lot of plow damage and the guys will be making their rounds as soon as the snow melts and everything starts drying up a bit. We will also start collecting yard waste such as bagged waste in biodegradable bags and sticks and brush as soon as the snow is gone and trucks and equipment are set back up for summer use. Please make sure brush piles are neatly stacked to be picked up or chipped and dirt and heavy debris are piled neatly off the edge of the streets.

Water main flushing this spring will be during spring break like every other year. The week that it will be taking place this year is April 15th - April 19th. Normally it takes 3-4 days to conduct flushing through the whole Village. You may experience low pressure or discolored water at times during the flushing process. If you notice anything out of the ordinary please feel free to contact the clerk's office at 315-695-2484.

As usual each year the DPW tries to plan out and complete as many projects in the Village as time allows us to get done. We have various work on drainage lines, pothole and road repairs, building and grounds maintenance and various water and sewer work and sidewalk replacements. Hopefully we see everyone through the spring and summer months and if you see us working on the streets please be careful while driving passed us. Have a great Easter and spring.

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

Sincerely,



# **Village Administrator News**

What I Have learned as an Administrator during my first 5 Years Serving You...

The transition from a self-employed individual to administrator for the public sector has been a perspective-changing experience on many levels. Coming up on my 5 year Anniversary in March, I've learned several meaningful lessons—ones that reinforced foundational beliefs I already held.

My Entire Staff Has a Role in the Success of Our Village

I have owned and operated my own business for over 25 years. As a boss, I always valued my employees and knew that they played an important role, both in the day-to-day operations of my company and in fostering a successful business that we all valued.

However, transitioning into the role of Village Administrator has made me appreciate staff members even more. It has also made me more cognizant of the fact that most people may not really know all the things our employees and team do to help our Village function and thrive. I have tried to provide a level of traits and respect to all my employees and I've been given the respect from all of them as well and it's been both reassuring and inspiring to see these traits in action on a daily basis.

As their supervisor, I see staff members working hard to welcome our Village residents, new employees and vendors. I see my team help their colleagues who are going through difficult personal life circumstances. I see my team go above and beyond to help make our Village a better place by providing daily assistance in areas of need to each other. I see various staff members take active roles in the lives of our seniors and our students as mentors, listeners, and instructional guides.

A few of my colleagues also took on the role of mentor to me in my initial stages, ensuring that I understood which matters needed to be addressed before they could become serious issues. For an administrator, such details are everything. With the help of these individuals, I was able to head off problems and ultimately had an extremely successful beginning to my 5 year career.

The bottom line is that I strive for all of our employees to be successful, and residents to do their part, and more, to promote our Village's positive culture.

#### It Takes a Village

As the administrator, I've gotten to know the support staff in my Village on a personal level and am able to see how crucial and too-often unnoticed, their roles can go. As a business owner, a resident and even a past Village Trustee for 6 years, I too may have taken some of their roles and responsibilities for granted. Now, I can see how many people are positively impacted by the work of The Village Clerk's Office, Buildings and Grounds Crew, DPW Gentlemen, Police Department, Our Library staff, Community Youth Workers, and Our Village Board. As my career was first starting, I relied on the help of my Mayor and Trustees, Clerk,

DPW, Police Chief and various other employees who spent countless hours preparing me for my new role. The guidance, experience and expertise were invaluable to me and to this day, has not been forgotten. Although their names rarely show up on achievement reports or in board meetings, the dedication of my support staff is what makes the love for my job that much more possible.

As your Village Administrator, I am constantly reminded and inspired by my colleagues, employees and residents for all that you have brought into my everyday life and have trusted in me during these last 5 years. Now I find inspiration in both my residents and my staff whom I serve on a daily basis. I chose to share my thoughts on my journey so that all the administrators, teachers and boss's, and especially my Village residents reading this, will consider the work that goes into making your place of business and your home "Our Village" run well and continue to grow and strive for a better community, and take a moment, or many moments, to thank those in your home, work environment or your neighborhood who help us make where we Live, Work and Love, a better place for us

In closing, I hope to be here as Your Village Administrator for at least another 5 years! I am always available to listen to your issues, thoughts, ideas and even your constructive criticism. If you are looking for an answer that I do not have, rest assured I will have an answer for you quickly...you may or may not like the answer I provide but trust me it will be an honest answer and one that I will provide to the best of my ability.

Optimistically Yours,

Jim Lynch — Village Administrator



#### Oswego Health Offers Convenient Services in Phoenix

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Oswego Health offers several convenient services in the village of Phoenix for community residents.

The health system's lab draw station is open three days a week at the Phoenix Health Center located at 7 Bridge Street. The hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. The phone number is 315-963-2040.

Phoenix residents can also take advantage of physical therapy services, which are offered by appointment at the health center. To arrange a physical therapy appointment, please call 315-963-2153.

Just a short drive away from Phoenix is the Fulton Medical Center, which offers urgent care services, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. The Center also provides lab, medical imaging, physical therapy and occupational health services at this site, located at 510 S. Fourth Street in Fulton. For the hours of these services, please call 315-592-3500.











"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart"

-Helen Keller-

#### **Hometown News**

Phoenix native and SUNY Oswego grad Kenny Roffo was part of the NASA team whose hard work paid off as the InSight landed safely alighted on Mars.

ARCADIA, Calif. — Phoenix, New York native and SUNY Oswego graduate Kenny Roffo can solve a Rubik cube in less than thirty seconds.

Somewhat remarkable, sure, even if he



hadn't nervously revealed the skill in a job interview. A job interview with one of the most elite workplaces on the planet.

But, he did. And now he works at NASA's legendary Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Roffo's work landed on Mars this week and will send back data more than 300 million

miles. The software engineer's modeling tools are being used by InSight, the Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport lander that touched down on the red planet Monday and captured the world's attention. It's fitting that Roffo's high school mascot is the Phoenix Firebird, a lone figure rising

from the ashes in a plume of flame and smoke. The Atlas V rocket that shot InSight

toward its ruddy home in May plotted a similar course against a dark sky. To celebrate the successful landing of InSight, The Palladium-Times spoke with Roffo from his home in Arcadia, Calif, close to his offices at JPL. With family still in Oswego County and a strong love for the area, Roffo credits his high school and SUNY Oswego with much of his success, saying he "fell in love" with astrophysics. "I wanted to understand how the universe worked," he who spent his first year at JPL working on modeling tools in anticipation of this week's big payoff.

"We need to tell InSight what to do every day, so we need to run our plan through some simulations," said Roffo. "I worked to develop the tools that orchestrate this modeling and then create reports to allow humans to understand their results. Now that we are on Mars, I get to see my tools being used by the InSight team every day." And that's not all. In recent months, Roffo has started working on flight software for future missions.

"This is the actual code that runs onboard our spacecraft," he said.

Roffo said he feels a deep sense of purpose working for NASA at JPL.

"Everything I do at work is for the benefit of all mankind," he said. "I am directly pushing humanity toward new horizons and helping us gain a stronger understanding of our universe. It is a true honor to be able to do this work, and I am exceptionally grateful."

InSight started her journey in May with little problem but Roffo said the last hour before touchdown on Monday had him "overflowing with emotions."

While waiting with baited breath, he said he was simultaneously excited, nervous, proud and scared.

"Finally when I heard the words,
"Touchdown confirmed," I jumped and
shouted, along with everyone in the room,"
Roffo said. He and his team were "in sheer
awe" in that moment.

"We were safe on the surface of Mars," he said.

During his senior year of high school, Roffo met SUNY Oswego physics professor Dr. Shashi Kanbur. "He showed me the Double Slit Experiment, and gave me an amazing pitch which led to my decision to attend Oswego," said Roffo. The Double Slit Experiment is a common physics demonstration that exemplifies quantum

mechanics, as well as the wave-particle duality of photons — famous in the

scientific community for its elegance and mystery.

Roffo hit the ground running in college and said he chose to take a "very ambitious course schedule."

In five years, he completed three majors — physics, mathematics and computer science. "He was an excellent student who did a number of projects with me," said Kanbur of his former pupil. "The thing I remember is that he was always enthusiastic about his work, whatever it was and this is really, I think, the secret to his success. He is also a terrific person."

Roffo said his life at Oswego "was a blast," but singled out his time as the President of the Math Club as one of his favorite remembrances of undergrad life.

"There are so many great things about Oswego," he said. "I have so many great memories. If I had to pick just one thing, though, it would have to be Math Club." When membership was waning in 2014, Roffo and his fellow students, along with Dr. Elizabeth Wilcox and other professions brought the club to a "thriving new era" over the course of two years.

"We became such a strong club that the math department was confident in our ability to host the MAA Seaway conference at Oswego in 2017," he said. "It meant a lot to me to bring those opportunities to so many students who were passionate about math. It was beautiful."

Wilcox said she remembers Roffo as "hard working, enthusiastic, and insightful." "He shared his passion for science and mathematics with all of his friends, classmates and even staff members and professors," she said.

Roffo hopes to encourage everyone in his home county and at his alma mater to take an interest in science and space, and to "keep an eye out" for NASA public outreach events.

"NASA understands that everything we do is for the people," he said. "InSight, for example, has millions of names on little chips on the deck of the lander of people who went online and submitted their names."

He suggests following NASA on social media and periodically checking their websites or signing up for e-mail alerts. For future scientists and engineers looking to break into the field, Roffo says his connection with Dr. Kanbur was instrumental, as well nailing his interview. "Dr. Kanbur still helps students connect with JPL, and even this past summer an Oswego student had an internship here," Roffo said from his office in California.

Though his mind is pointed to the stars, the well-rounded Roffo also keeps his hands busy.

"It may sound silly that solving a Rubik's cube helped me land an internship at JPL," he said. "But the manager that hired me has told me that when she saw me do that she knew I was getting an internship, because it showed that I had my own interests and put effort into them."

# First United Methodist Church of Phoenix

49 Jefferson St., Phoenix, NY 315-695-4746

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Facebook: First United Methodist Church of Phoenix New York
Website under construction!

# First United Methodist Church of Phoenix Upcoming Special Events: (The public is always invited and welcomed with unconditional love.)

Lenten Bible Study, "Listen to Him", 6 Sundays, 3/3/19-4/7/19, 10am-11am

• A 6-week personal daily devotional reading and once-a-week group gathering. We will "walk" through a section of the Bible Book of Luke gaining a deeper discipleship understanding for our lives today by following Jesus through the peak and valley experiences of his Transfiguration, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Contact Judy at 315-720-5994 for info.

Ash Wednesday Service, 3/6/19, 6p-7p Palm Sunday Service, 4/14/19, 8:45a-9:45a Maundy Thursday Tween Gathering, (ages 10+), 4/18/19, 10a-1p

• An interactive recounting of key Biblical events the day before to Jesus' crucifixion along with a service mission within the church. Lunch provided.

Good Friday Camp, (ages 4+), 4/19/19, 9:30a-2p

• An interactive recounting of the day Jesus was crucified and what his sacrifice for our sins meant then and today. Children and youth will also be filling plastic Easter Eggs and sharing them with local neighbors as an outreach invitation to Easter Sunday Worship Service and Brunch. Lunch provided.

Good Friday Worship Service, 4/19/19, 1p-2p

• An experiential worship service open to all adults and children.

Easter Egg Hunt, 4/20/19, two sessions (11a-12:15p & 12:15p-1:30p), (ages 1 to 10)

• <u>Free and inside</u>. Prizes, crafts, candy and eggs galore to find! Hunts separated by age groups. Lunch items for sale. Collecting non-perishable food items for the Phoenix Food Pantry at event. Hunt pre-registration helpful, but not required. Call 315-695-4746.

Easter Sunday Celebration Worship Service and Brunch, 4/21/19, 8:45a-10:45a

• <u>Free Brunch</u> following the Easter Worship Service. Joyful fellowship, music and a variety of delicious brunch items and beverages prepared by the church.

United Methodist Women Rummage and Bake Sale, 4/26 & 4/27, 9a-2p both days "Loads of Love" Laundry Mission, Next Dates: 3/25/19, 4/22/19, 5/20/19, 5p-7p

• Free laundry washing, drying and folding service at the canal View Laundromat in Phoenix to help families and individuals stretch their household dollars further. The church provides laundry detergent, dryer sheets (or uses the patron's, if desired) and money along with offering crafts for children, Christian fellowship, music and light refreshment. This mission will run on the last Monday of every month unless otherwise advised due to holidays falling on the same day.

# <u>FUMC of Phoenix Weekly Events:</u> (The public is always invited and welcomed with unconditional love.)

Prayer Meeting, 8:15a-8:40a

• A time for praying together on specific topics or needs. Different prayer approaches shared.

Worship Service, 8:45a-9:45a followed by fellowship time with light refreshments. Youth Sunday School Sundays, (ages 4+), 4p-5p

• Focused child and youth Christian education in age-appropriate classes utilizing Bible stories, games, songs, crafts and service projects to create a fun learning environment. Safe Sanctuary Policy in place to foster a safe learning environment minimizing the risk of child abuse.



# Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

First United Methodist Church 49 Jefferson Street in Phoenix, New York

2 Sessions: 11am or 2pm

Ages 1-10

Join us for a fun egg hunt inside our Church!

We have lots of eggs full of prizes, prize tickets, and candy, as well as crafts. The event itself is free but we will have snacks, drinks and lunch items for sale from 12pm-1pm too! Questions? 315-695-4746

Pre-registration is recommended but not required.





Join the Churches of the Southern Oswego County Council of Churches (beginning at 12:05 p.m.) for a time of lunch and program as we prepare our hearts for Easter during this Holy Season of Lent.

March 14 Pennellville UMC, 389 County Route 54, Pennellville

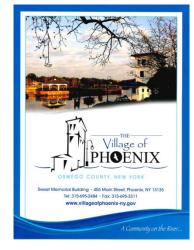
March 21 First UNC, Phoenix, 49 Jefferson Street, Phoenix

March 28 First Congregational UCC, 43 Bridge Street, Phoenix

April 4 St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 469 Main Street, Phoenix

April 11 Fountain of Love, Three River Plaza, Phoenix





Thanks to some generous local businesses and our friends at Hometown Press, we are now offering a welcome packet to all of our new Village residents. The pocket folder will be available at The Clerk's office. Resident's will find important Village information, a note from The Mayor and The Police Chief and additional documents that will be helpful to those that are new to the Village.

The folders are in and we are working on the contents. We hope to have these packets available for pick up very soon. You can call the Village Clerk's office at 315-695-2484 to see if they are available.

Once again, "Thank You" to the following Village and "Phoenix" area businesses who advertised in the folder to make these no cost to The Village and available to our new neighbors!

- Absolute Property Services
- Allanson Glanville Tappan Funeral Homes, Inc.
- Beaver Meadows Golf Club
- Carol & Ryan Jones Real Estate Agents
- Duskee's Bar & Grill
- The Gingersnap Bakery
- Lock 1 Distilling Co.
  - Nick Hoyt Heating & Air Conditioning
- St. Stephen's Church



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