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Cayuga Heights Centennial Celebration

Great Success to Date and More to Come By Bea Szekely, Village Historian

Thanks to a great many people the Cayuga Heights Centennial Celebration marking the 1915 incorporation of the village is turning out to be a great success. Over 400 people enjoyed the Historic Ithaca old house tour of eight historically significant village homes on June 13.

The tour was an enormous success for the community, and there are many people to be thanked. First of all, the homeowners who hosted us—Brett de Bary and Victor Nee, Paula and Mark Eisner, Mary and Brad Grainger, Meloney McGuire and David McMurry, Elizabeth and Tim Mount, Anne and Jeff Sauer, and Sigma Chi Fraternity and John Foote. Among the many volunteer docents at the houses were villagers Jennifer Biloski, Lisken Cordes, Fair Gouldin, Nancy Green, Douglas Fowler, Lucy Randl, Charlotte Shull, and Mildred Staples.

The professional staff of Historic Ithaca ran the event like a well-oiled machine. They were Alphonse Pieper, Christine O'Malley, Sara Johnson and intern Ana Felisa Huckfeldt. Board chair Julee Johnson, who was part of the work crew, and the other members of the Historic Ithaca board supported the event throughout the planning process.

Finding Randy Marcus's 1913 Overland car parked outside Marcham Hall was a highlight at the start of the tour. Inside, the exhibit of over thirty-five sketches of village life by the late Cornell professor and village resident Jack Lambert, generously donated by his daughter Sarah, was a big hit. Many people took advantage of the chance to buy prints and original drawings for themselves, with the proceeds donated to The History Project at Cayuga Heights. Artwork was framed by Corners Gallery and the exhibit curated with assistance from village resident Sarah Roberts.

Copies of two informative new booklets, *The Story of Marcham Hall* and *From Farm to Suburb, a History of Place Names in Cayuga Heights*, by Village Historian, Bea Szekely and Deputy Historian Patricia Longoria, respectively, were also on offer and proved popular.

Also featured were two impressive chandeliers, original to Marcham Hall when Dorothy Cornell built it (then called Stonecroft), and recently restored carefully by Mike Montgomery of Aurora. Their re-installation was the latest step in the work being done to the building since 2012 when Village Justice Glenn Galbreath secured the grant that partially funded the addition to the back.

Mayor Kate Supron and the Board of Trustees supported the event with enthusiasm and interest. Behind the scene village staff helped in many ways: Clerk Joan Mangione and Deputy Clerk Angela Podufalski, Public Works Superintendent Brent Cross, and Police Chief Jim Steinmetz. Volunteer village gardener Doug Murray had the gardens in front of the building in splendid shape. Doug Nash from Flower Fashions filled the conservatory of Marcham Hall with beautiful plants for the day.

Financial support for the house tour included funding from the New York State Council for the Arts, the agency that supports much of the work done by Historic Ithaca. Locally, event sponsors were the Ithaca Coffee Company, Margaret Hobbie Real Estate, Tompkins Insurance Agencies, Foster Custom Kitchens, and Susan Lustick of Linz Real Estate. Partial funding for preparation of the Lambert exhibit came from a grant by the Tompkins County Office of Tourism Celebrations, as well as from the former Cayuga Heights Community Association.

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Your Elected Officials

Mayor – Kate Supron

Village Board of Trustees

James Marshall

Jennifer Biloski

Linda Woodard, Deputy Treasurer

Mary Ann Friend

Peter Salton, Deputy Mayor

Richard Robinson

Court – Judge Glenn Galbreath

Boards, Appointments, and Committees

Planning Board

Fred Cowett, Chair; Sean Cunningham, Graham Gillespie, Roger Segelken, Diedre Hay

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jack Young, Chair; Rosemarie Parker, Alison Shull, Kirk Sigel, Anita Watkins; Alternates: Mark Eisner, Sue Manning

SCLIWC Bolton Point Commissioners - Roy Staley, Kate Supron

Time Warner Cable Access Oversight Committee Delegate: Wies van Leuken

Environmental Management Council Delegate: Brian Eden

Joint Youth Committee Delegate: Natalie Detert

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Joint Committee Delegate: Joan Mangione

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors Delegate: Peter Salton

Tompkins County Transportation Council Delegates: Kate Supron, Brent Cross

Tompkins County Council of Governments Board of Directors Delegate: Kate Supron

Communications Committee - Mary Ann Friend, Kate Supron; Joan Mangione (*ex officio*)

Finance Committee - Jennifer Biloski, Richard Robinson, Linda Woodard; Joan Mangione (*ex officio*)

Forester - André Bensadoun **Gardener** - Doug Murray

Historian - Beatrice Szekely **Deputy Historian** - Patricia Longoria

Historic Preservationists - Carole Schiffman, Randi Kepecs

Human Resources Committee - Maryann Friend, Kate Supron; Joan Mangione (*ex officio*)

IT Committee - Richard Robinson, Peter Salton, Linda Woodard; Joan Mangione, James Steinmetz (*ex officio*)

Planning Board Liaison - open

Public Safety Committee - Jennifer Biloski, Peter Salton, Linda Woodard; Jim Steinmetz, George Tamborelle (*ex officio*)

Public Works Committee - Mary Ann Friend, James Marshall, Richard Robinson, Peter Salton (alternate); Brent Cross (*ex officio*)

Shade Tree Advisory Committee - André Bensadoun, Chair; Fred Cowett, Fairfax Gouldin; Brent Cross (*ex officio*)

Village Elections are held every year on the third Tuesday in March. This past March 18th, Trustees Richard Robinson and Peter Salton were re-elected for two-year terms. New Trustee Jennifer Biloski was elected to fill the seat vacated by Trustee Stephen Hamilton. James Marshall was appointed by Mayor Supron to complete the term held by Chris Crooker. The Board of Trustees approved his appointment at the May 18, 2015 meeting.

Professional Staff

Clerk's Office 257-1238

Clerk & Treasurer – Joan Mangione

Deputy Clerk – Angela Podufalski

Information Aide – Tayo Johnson

Public Works 257-6166

Engineer & Superintendent of Public Works – Brent Cross

Police Department 257-1011

Chief of Police – James M. Steinmetz

Police Clerk – Jackie Carr

Police Clerk (part-time) - Jim Conlon

Fire Department 266-7454

Fire Superintendent – George Tamborelle

Court 257-3944

Court Clerk – Pat Kannus

Acting Justice - David Klein



Words from the Mayor By Mayor Kate Supron

Deer Management Update

If you think you are noticing fewer deer in your yard you are correct.

The Village’s management efforts have reduced the deer population by 55% since January 2013, using a combination of surgical sterilization and lethal control. Our current estimated deer density is 56 deer per square mile.

Working with our primary contractor White Buffalo, Inc. we implemented surgical sterilization in December 2012 and December 2013, resulting in over 95% of the resident does being sterilized.

In March 2014 Cornell University harvested 8 deer in one of their natural areas as part of their deer management program.

In the spring of 2014 a change to the Environmental Conservation law reduced the weapon discharge distance from the nearest resident requirement to 250 feet for shooting with crossbows and 150 feet for conventional and compound bows. This change enabled the Village to implement culling at seven baited sites throughout the Village, resulting in a harvest of 48 deer in March 2015.

The harvested deer were donated to the Southern Tier Food Bank through the New York Venison Donation Program, providing 1067 pounds of meat for families within our region.

The White Buffalo report and the Cornell University deer population report are available on the Village website.

Food Scrap Recycling Drop Spot Opens in Cayuga Heights



We are pleased to announce our partnership with The Tompkins County Solid Waste Division to provide a food scrap recycling drop spot at the Village offices at Community Corners, 836 Hanshaw Road.

The new drop spot is open every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The free service will allow residents to expand their recycling options and reduce their trash disposal costs.

The material collected each week is taken to Cayuga Compost in Trumansburg for processing, with the resulting compost marketed to farmers, landscapers and homeowners as a soil amendment.

The Solid Waste Division offers free kitchen caddies, transport containers and compostable bags to encourage residents to participate. The program is seen as playing a significant role in meeting the County’s goal of 75% waste diversion by 2016.

Staff is on hand each week at the drop spot to answer questions and provide written material about the benefits of food scrap re-

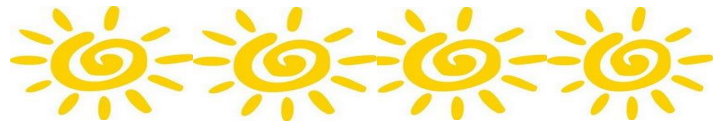
cycling. Residents will also find a supply of replacement compostable bags, as well as caddies and transportation containers for users new to the program.

For more information on food scraps recycling, visit www.recycletompkins.org.

Zoning Review

The Board-appointed Zoning Review Committee – Mayor Kate Supron, Superintendent of Public Works Brent Cross, Planning Board Chair Fred Cowett, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Kirk Sigel, and Village residents David Filiberto and Elaine Quaroni – continues its review and redrafting of the Village’s zoning regulations.

Once the Committee has completed the draft it will go for review to the Board of Trustees, to the Planning Board and then to the public. Our goal is to have the draft completed by this fall.



The Gardens at Marcham Hall

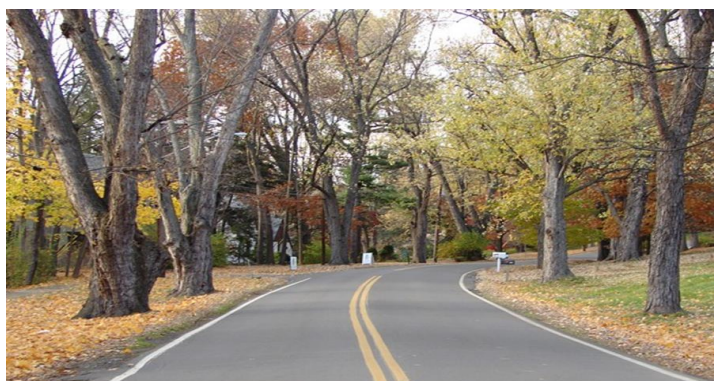
We are enjoying the lovely perennial gardens surrounding our Village Hall in full blossom. We owe a very special thanks to Village resident Doug Murray who volunteers his time to maintain these beautiful beds. He did an exceptional job this spring to prepare them for the Village Hall Open House.

As mentioned in the past, **Doug could use your help!**

If you are interested in helping to maintain our Village Hall gardens, please contact ksupron@cayuga-heights.ny.us or the Clerks’ Office at 607-257-1238.



Our Village Street Trees By Fred Cowett



This photograph was chosen for the cover of the Village’s most recent comprehensive plan. The choice was no accident as the allée of large, mature trees flanking Cayuga Heights Road is for many people, residents and non-residents alike, a signature image of the Village. The trees are Silver Maples (*Acer saccharinum*), a fast growing species that tolerates wet and dry soils and transplants easily. However, Silver Maples are also “weak wooded,” meaning they are susceptible to branch failure, especially in storms, due to their low wood density, susceptibility to rot and decay, and tendency to form narrow v-shaped branch attachments. In recognition of their potential to cause damage to persons and property, Silver Maples are not often planted anymore as street trees in the public street right-of-way, and municipalities must be attentive to the condition of large Silver Maples such as the ones on Cayuga Heights Road.

Research in the last two decades has shown that all trees in general, and street trees in particular, not only enhance community aesthetics and identity, but also provide many environmental and social benefits. These include energy conservation, storm water reduction, air quality improvement, and increased property values. Large growing tree species such as Silver Maples typically provide more of these benefits than smaller growing tree species such as Crabapples and Ornamental Cherries because they have

much more leaf surface area. Therefore, to maximize the benefits provided by street trees, municipalities should both conserve their existing large growing trees and plant large growing tree species where planting soil volume is adequate and electric utility wires are not overhead. At the same time, however, large growing tree species pose maintenance and liability concerns that smaller growing trees species do not.

In 2009 the Village’s street tree inventory report identified Silver Maples as one of three tree species accounting for a significant portion of maintenance needs and concerns and also recommended that thought should be given to “rejuvenating” the Silver Maples on Cayuga Heights Road. The Village’s Shade Tree Advisory Committee was created by Local Law in 2013 and charged, among other duties, with identifying for removal trees and shrubs located on public streets, parks and other Village property. It recommended to the Village for removal in 2013 and 2014 several large Silver Maples growing in the public street right-of-way on Cayuga Heights Road that were judged to be in poor physical condition based on visual inspection. These trees were removed and replaced by Littleleaf Lindens (*Tilia cordata*) and Northern Red Oaks (*Quercus rubra*) to increase species diversity and resilience to pests and disease. In 2015 the Village hired Lee Dean, lead arborist at Cornell Plantations and an expert in tree risk assessment, to inspect eleven additional Silver Maples on Cayuga Heights Road. This inspection, which involved as needed tree climbing and coring trunks and limbs for rot and decay to assess the potential for catastrophic failure, resulted in the recommendation for removal of five of these trees. The remaining six trees were judged capable of being safely maintained for the immediate future through cabling and pruning of limbs, but will need to be re-inspected periodically. The Shade Tree Committee accepted these findings and passed them on to the Village’s Board of Trustees together with plans to replant sites on Cayuga Heights Road where trees will be removed. It recognizes that even with this replanting the removal of Silver Maples on Cayuga Heights Road will significantly alter its aesthetic and visual character for many years to come. However, in light of inspection findings and the potential threat posed to persons and property, tree removal was deemed the appropriate course of action, albeit an unfortunate one. In the future, the Shade Tree Committee looks forward to working with Village residents to plant and maintain more new trees on Village streets.

Centennial Celebration continued...

The house tour and the opening of the exhibit of the Lambert drawings was followed by a reception in the courtroom of Marcham Hall. Many people who attended noted how significant the event was in the life of the community, a chance to affirm our shared identity by celebrating a hundred years of history.

And the fun isn’t over yet. The lecture series that began last winter with former historian Carol Sisler’s talk on the architectural history of the village and Planning Board chair Fred Cowett’s talk on the natural environment of the village will continue in the fall. Mark your calendars now for a workshop to be given by Christine O’Malley of Historic Ithaca on how to record the history of your house in Cayuga Heights on Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Marcham Hall courtroom. The last event will be a talk by current Village Historian Bea Szekely on the municipal history of Cayuga Heights, scheduled for Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m., also in Marcham Hall.

The History Project at www.cayugaheightshistory.com is ongoing and will carry us forward in the effort to compile our history as the second century of Cayuga Heights history begins. The creators of the site, Carole Schiffman and Randi Kepecs, hope very much that you have already visited the site and will want to contribute your stories. Research and writing about Cayuga Heights turns up endless tales about the people who have lived here, their accomplishments, and their homes. Thanks to the many people who have joined to date. Please join in - there is much to be done!



What should I do with my old smoke detector?

Photoelectric Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors typically fall within two categories: photoelectric and ionization. When it comes to disposal, old photoelectric detectors can be safely put in the trash, so long as you remove the battery first.

Ionization-Based Smoke Detectors

Ionization detectors contain a small amount of Americium 241, a radioactive isotope. When in use, these detectors are perfectly safe, as the radioactive material is shielded by a metal chamber inside the device. If dismantled, however, the radioactive material can become exposed. For this reason you should never try to take apart an old ionization detector.

So how do I dispose of an ionization detector?

Unfortunately, hazardous waste collection centers are rarely permitted to accept radio

active material, including ionization smoke detectors. Therefore, you should try to return your old detector to the original manufacturer. Locate the brand name and/or address on the back of the device, or find the information in the user's manual. After removing the battery, send the whole unit back intact (do not try to disassemble!). Attach a note indicating that the device is intended for disposal. Contact information for some of the major smoke detector manufacturers is included on this USPS web page:

http://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2012/pb22334/html/cover_025.htm

What about recycling options?

To our knowledge [Curie Environmental Services](#) is the first and currently only company in the United States to offer a mail-back recycling program for ionization smoke detectors. Interested individuals should contact Curie for mailing instructions and pricing information.

Can I put my old smoke detector in the trash?

New York State Department of Environ-

mental Conservation rules state that if the manufacturer is unwilling to accept your smoke detector and you are unable to pay for a recycling program such as Curie's, you may put a single smoke detector in the trash. See http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/hhwma.pdf

The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission formerly required manufacturers to take back smoke detectors from consumers (a great example of product stewardship!) Currently it no longer requires them to do so.



Movies at the Fire Station *By Fire Superintendent George Tamborelle*

The Cayuga Heights Fire Department will be hosting Movies at the Fire Station this summer on Thursday evenings.

Many years ago, while visiting my wife's family in Michigan, we started going to the weekly Movies in the Park across the street from their house. This was such an amazing community event I thought about how much fun it would be to do this in Cayuga Heights. I started looking into the equipment needed to make this happen, but found the cost to be prohibitive. Then last November the residents of Kendal at Ithaca chose the Cayuga Heights Fire Department to be one of the beneficiaries of their annual Thanks to the Community fund drive. Their donation gave us the means to purchase the power point projector, speakers, DVD player and screen needed to get things off the ground.

To make this a community social event, we thought it would be fun if families could come to the station and have dinner before the movie started. We are talking with local food truck vendors to come to the station and provide dinner for movie goers. If we are able to get a vendor to do this we will post it on the sign at the station and on our website that week.

Now that we have the film equipment, a popcorn machine, permission from the Village Board to host the event and the potential for dinner we will be offering Movies at the Fire Station on Thursday evenings through the summer, starting on June 25th. We will be showing family friendly movies on a large screen behind the station. The "gates" will be open at 7:00 in the evening and the movies will start as soon as it gets dark enough to show.

We will be showing the films in the back parking lot at the station so bring lawn chairs and blankets. If the weather looks bad we will make a decision late in the day and announce on our website whether we will be going ahead with movies that evening. There will be no charge for the movies. Dinners provided by vendors will be charged.

We hope to see you all at the station Thursday evenings!



Report of the Village Court

based on the Annual Report submitted by Justice Glenn G. Galbreath

There was a significant increase in the overall number of cases from 2013 to 2014. Vehicle and Traffic Law cases (V + TL) increased 37%, while criminal and civil cases stayed about the same and parking tickets decreased by half. Collection of fines and surcharges increased 43% as did the amount owed by defendants.

Vehicle and Traffic Law Cases

V + TL matters account for the majority of the Court's cases, fines and surcharges collected and the Court Clerk's time. The total number of V+TL cases in 2014 (1,307) was 37% higher than in 2013 (952). The charges with the largest increases in numbers were: speeding (from 75 to 113); stop sign violations (from 12 to 27); failure to obey a traffic control device (from 216 to 319); and seatbelts (from 5 to 17). There were noticeable decreases in the number of cases involving speeding in a school zone (from 23 to 2) and cell phone usage while driving (from 39 to 23).

Alcohol related driving offenses (DWAI, DWI and ADWD) stayed about the same this year (13) as last year (11). That being said, we have had a wide range of numbers for these offenses during the past five years - from a low of 2 in 2011 to a high of 21 in 2009.

Dismissals of cases rose significantly from 329 in 2013 to 695 in 2014. Almost all of these cases were for minor equipment, inspection, and insurance card violations. Most of the dismissals were done in the "interests of justice," either because there was no violation (e.g. ticket for driving without insurance, but subsequently proved that insurance actually was in effect at the time of the ticket) or the violation was minor and quickly remedied (e.g. recently expired inspection or registration or minor equipment violation). Dismissals also can occur when the prosecution and defense enter into an agreement and then together ask and convince me that justice would be served by my agreeing to their plea bargain. Sometimes plea bargains result in reducing or dismissing some of the charges in return for a guilty plea on another charge. In some courts, the pressure of high caseloads can be a significant incentive for the judge to accept a plea bargain jointly proposed by the defense and prosecution. Because the Village Court's case numbers are not overwhelming, case load pressure does not play a role in my determining whether a plea bargain is appropriate.

Although parking tickets are part of the V+TL statistics, we tally them separately because the administrative processing is frequently done by the Police Department and the Court Clerk without the need for my intervention. Only occasionally do I need to arraign a defendant or hold a trial for a parking ticket. Nevertheless, the Court Clerk must always process the paperwork and occasionally arrange for payment of the fine. The number of parking tickets decreased by 50% from 167 in 2013 to 88 in 2014.

Criminal Law Cases

The Penal/Criminal Law category includes local law and state law infractions, misdemeanors and felonies. Generally, these are more serious than most V+TL matters and take more time. The misdemeanors and felonies create a formal criminal record for a defendant that stays with him/her for life. Not counted in the Penal/Criminal Cases statistics, even though many are also misdemeanors or felonies, are some of the more serious V+TL of-

fenses, such as DWI, ADWI, reckless driving, aggravated unlicensed operation (AUO) and leaving the scene of an injury accident. Those misdemeanor V+TL cases appear only in the V+TL statistics chart. Moreover, non-V+TL felony charges do not appear in any of our statistics. That is so because our computer program identifies and counts only cases that are closed with a conviction or dismissal in our court, whereas felony cases that arise in our court do not ultimately stay there and are not "closed or dismissed" there. They eventually get transferred to the Tompkins County Court and thus never show up in our own Village statistics. For example, the murder case we had in the fall of 2014 brought me to court four times (three of which were in the middle of the night): to review and sign a search warrant, to modify that warrant, to arraign, assign counsel and remand the defendant to jail, and to start a preliminary hearing (which was ultimately waived by the defendant). All of these activities occurred prior to our transferring the case to the county court and none are reflected in our statistics.

In 2014 the number of our criminal law cases stayed about the same - 37 in 2013 and 32 in 2014. At least half of these cases were not especially serious, e.g. 7 noise violations and 11 people visiting Sunset Park after hours.

The number of trials reflects only those held for V+TL cases and not for the criminal or civil cases. Again, this is a due to the limitation in our computer program's data collection. We had 14 V+TL trials in 2013 and 15 in 2014. This is still fairly low compared to some past years, such as 1995 when we had 124 V+TL trials.

Civil Law Cases

Although both the civil and small claims case categories concern non-criminal and non-V+TL matters, the "Civil Docket" is technically different from "Small Claims." Both have the same maximum monetary jurisdiction of \$3,000, but the Small Claims cases use an expedited procedure that is simpler, less expensive and more accessible to non-lawyer parties. Civil and Small Claims cases make up the smallest number of cases (only 1 in 2014) but include subject matter of importance to the parties, such as landlord-tenant matters, consumer transactions, contract disputes over bills for professional services. These cases tend to be time consuming and often result in longer trials and written opinions. The Court routinely refers the parties to the Community Dispute Resolution Center for mediation as soon as the case is filed with the Court, but does not delay the court proceedings while mediation is being considered or used.

Late night arraignments, search or arrest warrants, pretrial hearings, status conferences, motion hearing/arguments, orders of protection, declarations of delinquency, preliminary felony hearings, hearings on violations of probation, or sentencings are all time consuming activities.

Court sessions are held every Tuesday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. and the first Thursday of every month starting at 5:00 p.m. The general public is invited to observe these sessions.

The full report can be found on the Village of Cayuga Heights website.



John Marcham, In Memoriam

John Marcham of Ithaca, journalist, editor and publisher, died Thursday, December 4, 2014, at Cayuga Medical Center at the age of 87. He was the son of Cayuga Heights long time mayor Frederick Marcham.

A graduate of Ithaca High School and student at Cornell University, John enlisted in the Army toward the end of World War II. He was sent to the Philippines aboard a troopship where he helped produce the ship's newspaper, his first venture with the printed word. After the war he returned to Cornell to complete his undergraduate degree, served as editor-in-chief of the Cornell Daily Sun, and met and married Sun staffer Jane Haskins. Following graduation he was a writer for two years at Life Magazine; then the couple bought and published the Glastonbury (Conn.) Citizen newspaper.

Several jobs later, John returned to his hometown and for five years was city editor of The Ithaca Journal, adding warmth

Morse Fleet, In Memoriam

Fleet Morse, 90, passed away on February 19, 2015, at Longview in Ithaca, NY. Fleet attended Cayuga Heights elementary school, the Rectory School in Pomfret, CT, and Proctor Academy in Andover, NH, where he became an avid skier. He was drafted on Thanksgiving Day, 1943, and served in Germany as a Private First Class in the Tank Destroyer Battalion, Troop B, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. He was headed to the Pacific aboard the USS Breckinridge when the war ended. After being discharged in 1946, Fleet helped build Vetsburg, a temporary housing village for returning veterans at Cornell University. He also worked briefly for the Allen Wales Company, and, in 1949, took a year of general business courses at Ithaca College through the GI Bill.

On May 1, 1950, Fleet began what was to become a 40-year career in food service at Cornell. He was proud to have been a long-time member of the Statler Hotel staff, where he worked with dedication at both the original Statler Inn and later the Statler Hotel. Upon his retirement in December 1990, the Statler staff awarded him "the trip

and a light touch in his column ("Short Takes") to that early Gannett newspaper. Then along came his major job, serving for 28 years as editor and publisher of the Cornell Alumni News. Under his editorship it repeatedly won top honors at national conventions of alumni publications.

Concurrently John was widely active in the community. He was involved in scouting as a scoutmaster, cubmaster and board member of Scouting. He was the Ithaca founding president of the County Council for Equality, board member for Watermargin, Book & Bowl, and the Cornell Railroad Historical Society. He was elected to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives for nine years, and served as officer of the county's Economic Opportunity Council for 15 years. He co-chaired the Eugene McCarthy for President campaign in this congressional district and was an elected delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He served on state and county Democratic committees, and helped sort books on politics for the Friends of the Library Book Sale. He was president, campaign chair and sustaining member of the DeWitt

of a lifetime," an adventure by rail through the western US that proved to be a highpoint of his many train travels. He also fondly recalled traveling to Alaska to see bald eagles and family trips to Oregon, Hawaii, Europe, and Disneyland, where he loved the "It's a Small World" exhibit which reflected his outlook on life.

He was a loyal, unwaveringly positive, friendly, good-humored man who found pleasure in the simple things in life. He took people at face value, treated everyone equally, and always wanted to know "What's new?" As he said in a 1956 article in the Statler newsletter, "I just like to get along with people, ... meet everyone, and be happy. It's nice to be busy."

Fleet kept busy until the very end. He was a founding member (#001) of the Cayuga Heights Fire Department, which he served with enthusiasm for fifty years. His scanner was never far from his side. A patriotic WWII veteran, he was chairman of the Tompkins County Veterans' Association as well as the Veterans' Day Celebrations Committee; served as Commander of the Tompkins County American Legion, Post 221; and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the VFW. Fleet's volunteer work also included the

Historical Society and its successor the History Center in Tompkins



County. In recent years expressed pride at having since his retirement edited 10 books on local topics, including "Images of Rural Life" (Verne Morton's photos), "Sol Goldberg's Ithaca," "Lehigh Valley Memories," "Farmboy," and "Good Sports," and he thought others should do the same. John and Jane much enjoyed travel to Haskins family haunts in New England and tracing Marcham relatives in England. They loved sightseeing and ranged far, from St. Petersburg to Istanbul, from Barcelona to the Greek Islands, from China and Tibet, to Haiti and Burkina Faso (the latter thanks to a son in the Peace Corps). His presence will be greatly missed by family and long-time friends as well as by those whom he only recently had chanced to meet.

Based on information from the obituary in the Ithaca Journal.

Community Players, the Lake View Cemetery Board, and Loaves and Fishes, for which he earned the President's Volunteer Service Award. He cheerfully attended as many CRC and GIAC activities as possible. His hobbies included photography, and a keen interest in the national space program, and he always kept up with the local news. He collected stamps and hats (the more colorful the better), loved to recount a delicious meal, and adored a good nap. Sports were another of Fleet's many passions, and he liked nothing better than cheering on the Big Red. Fleet was a huge fan of life.

Based on information from the obituary in the Ithaca Journal.



Cayuga Heights Police honored by Stop DWI Tompkins County

The Cayuga Heights Police Department has received recognition by Stop DWI Tompkins County for being the best Small Agency of the Year in the county's battle against DWI enforcement. Cayuga Heights Police Officer, Brandon Manheim, received the honor of Outstanding DWI Officer of the Year for small police agencies.



From the Office of the Chief of Police By Chief James Steinmetz

Now that summer is here I would like to remind everyone about a couple of issues that affect the community as a whole.

The first is two Village Local Laws that have been updated over the last year or so. They are Regulations of Vendors & Solicitors and Care & Mowing of Property.

Regulation of Vendors & Solicitors- The purpose of this Local Law is to detail the requirements for vendors and solicitors to operate within the Village. First two important definitions;

1. **Solicit** - To make or seek to make personal contact with another person, either on any public street or public place, or by going from house to house or from place of business to place of business, on foot or in any vehicle, for the purpose of raising funds for, supporting the goals of or recruiting new members into a religious, charitable, educational or political organization, or participating in a political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
 - Any person engaged in the activity of soliciting for religious, charitable, educational or political organizations, as defined in this Local Law, shall not be required to register with the Village Police Department.
2. **Vendor** - Any person, either as principal or agent, who, on any public street or public place, or by going from house to house or from place of business to place of business, on foot or in any vehicle, (1) sells, rents or barter, offers for sale, rent or barter, or carries or exposes for sale, rent or barter any goods, wares, merchandise or services, or (2) takes or offers to take orders for goods, wares or merchandise or for services to be performed in the future or for the making, manufacturing or repairing of any article or thing for future delivery.
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a vendor, as defined in this Local Law, within the corporate limits of the Village of Cayuga Heights without first having registered with the Village Police Department as required herein.

In all cases there are restrictions both solicitors and vendors must follow:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon residential private property for the purpose of vending or soliciting on any day before the hour of 9:00 a.m. or after the hour of 8:00 p.m. (or after 1/2 hour before sunset, whichever is earlier), except upon the invitation of the owner or occupant of such property.
2. It shall be unlawful for any vendor or solicitor to enter or remain upon any premises whereon there is posted, in public view, any sign containing the words to the effect of "no peddlers," "no solicitors," "no agents" or other wording, the purpose of which purports to prohibit vending or soliciting on the premises.
3. It shall be unlawful for any person who has entered upon private property for the purpose of vending or soliciting to leave the primary sidewalk or entrance area of the property except upon invitation of the owner or occupant of such property.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person who has entered upon private property for the purpose of vending or soliciting to leave any pamphlet, brochure or literature on any property, vehicle or mailbox unless permission is granted by the owner or occupant of such property.
5. No vendor or solicitor shall interfere with the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

It is important for anyone who encounters a Vendor who is not registered, or any Vendor or Solicitor who has violated any of the restrictions or prohibitions, to contact the Cayuga Heights Police Department right away. Walking around the Village and going door to door to see if anyone is home, or going around to the back yards are indicators of suspicious behavior. The police need to know about this!

The Village Office**By Clerk & Treasurer Joan Mangione**

During the Centennial Celebration Open House, one frequently heard comment that surprised me was “I’ve never been inside (Marcham Hall) before.” It was followed by “Is this where the Village offices are?” I started to realize that many residents may not know about all the services provided by our municipality. Some residents are familiar with the Stone House because they observe that this is where the police cars are parked. However, in addition to the police department, the offices of the Mayor, Engineer, and Clerk are also here, as well as the Village Justice Court which is held here weekly. It is the Clerk’s Office on the second floor where Angela Podufalski, Deputy Clerk; Tayo Johnson, part-time Information Aide and I spend our days.

It’s not possible to cover all the responsibilities of the Clerk and Treasurer’s function in a short newsletter article, but I’d like to mention a few. As the Village’s administration we serve as the starting point for residents’ questions and concerns and process water, tax and sewer payments. We sell trash tags, maintain records and provide personnel services for the Village employees. It’s a particular pleasure to serve as the first contact for new residents. Although the website contains information on all Village services, it is not the same as receiving an explanation from a welcoming person. Speaking of trash tags, when you purchase them at the office, more of the revenue remains with the Village. While both Tops and Wegmans provide the convenience of purchasing tags while you are shopping, they do keep a portion of the monies as their service fee. Please stop in to see us or call if you have any questions about activities in the Village.

June 1st signals the beginning of the Village’s fiscal year. It’s the date on which each property owner’s tax payment becomes due. These taxes fund all Village services. If you wonder which of the services are provided by NY State, the County, the Town, or the Village you could learn how your tax dollars are spent by viewing the full adopted budget on the Village website. Preparation for the new fiscal year starts months before with development of a budget. In recent years, pressure to control property tax increases has become reflected in our state law. Department Heads and the Board of Trustees worked diligently to control this year’s tax increase to 1.5% which was under the state mandated amount. Every month in preparation for the Board of Trustees meeting, an abstract is prepared containing expenditures during the period since the previous board meeting, together with a Treasurer’s report. Review of the abstract allows one to see how every dollar was spent. The Treasurer’s report indicates the fund balances and where they are held, in savings or checking accounts. By reading the budget you can see that the Village provides fire protection, police protection, water and sewer services, and code enforcement. Also, public works such as collection of refuse, brush, and bulky trash, maintenance of the roads, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines, and right-of-way trees. The budget is monitored regularly to insure that expenditures are staying within the limits established by the Board.

The Clerk and Treasurer functions dovetail and our days in the office involve activities covering all required tasks. Sometimes it is difficult to plan one’s day because one never knows what might come up to interrupt the schedule. This keeps the day interesting and time flies by. If there is topic you’d like to see addressed, please email me and I will write about it in the next newsletter.

**Office of the Police Chief continued...**

Care & Mowing of Property – The purpose of this Local Law is to provide a minimum standard for the maintenance of the exterior grounds of all properties within the Village of Cayuga Heights. The main points of this law are;

1. All property owners, care takers or individual(s) residing on such property within the Village of Cayuga Heights must keep their property in a sanitary condition, free from bulk items, garbage, litter and rubble within public view.
2. All property owners, care takers or individual(s) residing on such property within the Village of Cayuga Heights must keep the grass, weeds or other vegetation on the grounds and exterior property maintained so that the height of the vegetation is limited to 10 inches.
3. In case of violations the Village also reserves the right to take remedial action. It will first attempt to make personal contact with the property owner, care taker or individual residing on such property. If personal contact cannot be made after a reasonable time and effort, the Village Board of Trustees shall cause the work to be done and assess the expense, including time of supervising officials, against the property. All employee time and equipment expenses will be invoiced and billed to the property owner.

The complete versions of these Local laws may be found on the Village’s web site.

The second issue is security. I would like to remind everyone to make sure your vehicles and residences are locked and secured; including both doors and windows. During these warmer months there is an increased volume of foot traffic during the night and keeping everything locked will help deter individuals from entering your property.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable safe summer and remember: my door is always open if you have questions or concerns.

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– BRUSH –
– BULKY TRASH –
– RECYCLING –
SCHEDULE

Date	Brush 1 st Fri	Bulky 3 rd Fri	TC Recycling Every other Fri
Aug. 2015	7	21	7, 21
Sept. 2015	4	18	4, 18
Oct. 2015	2	16	2, 16, 30
Nov. 2015	6	20	13, 28*
Dec. 2015	4	18	11, 26*
Jan. 2016	4*	15	8, 22
Feb. 2016	5	19	5, 19
March 2016	4	18	4, 18

*Late due to holiday

