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Now that the fun of celebrating the Village’s centennial in 2015 is over, it’s time to thank everyone who made it possible. The many people who produced the blockbuster June 13 house tour were already mentioned in the last issue. Now, on behalf of Pat Longoria, Deputy Historian, Carole Schiffman and Randi Kepecs, Village Historic Preservationists and myself, I would like to offer appreciation to the many others who made the other events possible.

County Historian and former Cayuga Heights resident Carol Kammen suggested application for the Tompkins County tourism office grant that, in part, funded the Speaker Series. Monthly meetings of all the municipal historians in the county presided over by Carol at The History Center of Tompkins County contributed to the planning process. Rod Howe, director of The History Center, offered constant encouragement, and archivist Donna Eschenbrenner provided access to valuable materials for research, including the photo album of Dorothy Cornell chronicling the construction of Marcham Hall when she had it built in 1928. Of note, the library at The History Center was renamed this year to honor the noted local historian, editor and author John Marcham, son of Frederick Marcham, village mayor from 1956 to 1988, who grew up at 112 Oak Hill Road.

At the Cornell University Library other individuals have been of great help in research, especially villager Laura Linke at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Kroch Library whose new director, Anne Sauer, with her husband Jeff opened her home for the centennial house tour. Pursuing research in Pleasant Grove Cemetery has been facilitated by sexton Charlie Pomada, and in Lake View Cemetery by villager Darlene Klein who is involved in its preservation. Bob Kibbee, former Olin Map Librarian and current board member at The History Center has been a consultant for the mapping work underlying the Cayuga Heights History Project website, as have staff of the Tompkins County Geographic Information Systems. Stay tuned for the launch of the new on-line map of Cayuga Heights where you will be able to click on every Village address to retrieve the histories of its architecture and past residents. Thanks to villager Paul Anderson for much of that effort.

We are also much appreciative of the expertise provided by Mike Montgomery of Vintage Lighting in Aurora who restored Dorothy Cornell’s chandeliers in the Marcham Hall courtroom. How nicely their glow sets off the drawings by the late Cornell Professor Jack Lambert donated to the village by his daughter Sarah. They were framed by Ariel Bullion Eckland of the Corners Gallery and then prepared for hanging and grouped on the walls by drawing on the curatorial experience of village neighbor Sarah Roberts.

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Your Elected Officials

Mayor – Kate Supron

Village Board of Trustees

Jennifer Biloski

Mary Ann Friend

James Marshall

Richard Robinson

Peter Salton, Deputy Mayor

Linda Woodard, Deputy Treasurer

Justice Court – Judge Glenn Galbreath

Boards, Appointments, and Committees

Planning Board

Fred Cowett, Chair; Sean Cunningham, Graham Gillespie, Roger Segelken, Diedre Hay, Alternate: Meloney McMurry

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

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 scheduled for Tuesday, March 15.

This year seats currently held by Mayor Supron and Trustees Friend, Marshall, and Woodard are up for election.

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

Justice Court 257-3944

Court Clerk – Pat Kannus

Acting Justice - David Klein





From the Police Chief by Chief James Steinmetz

With the recent holiday season and the semester break upon us the Cayuga Heights Police Department would like to remind residents of the option of registering for a property check if planning to be away from home for an extended period of time. A property check consists of an officer conducting a thorough overview of the property including making sure doors and windows are secured. We try to do this at least once a week while you are gone. An application may be obtained at the Police Department or your information may be submitted via email or by phone. Please provide detailed information including the dates on which you will be away, persons who may be stopping by the home, homeowner's contact information during the absence, any lights that may be left on and any vehicles being left in the driveway. The department should also be notified if the home is secured with an alarm and/or Knox lock box. Please note that as per Village Ordinance all properties armed with an alarm should also be equipped with a Knox Lock box.

Another service the Police Department offers is disposal of expired or unwanted medications. On weekdays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. a pharmaceutical drop box is available inside the entrance to the Police Department. The only items we can't accept are needles, mercury thermometers, and liquid chemicals.

The Police Department would also like to recognize that, for the second consecutive year, Officer Brandon Manheim has been named the Small Agency DWI Officer of the Year by the Tompkins County STOP DWI program. In addition the Cayuga Heights Police Department has once again received the award of STOP DWI Small Agency of the Year. Congratulations to Brandon and to all Cayuga Heights Police Department members on another successful year.

Finally, the Ithaca Police Department recently released a Public Service Announcement regarding home security tips. CHPD feels this is valuable information and would like to make it available to all Villagers. This information can be found on the Village's newly designed web page www.cayuga-heights.ny.us

For further information regarding property checks and what can be left in the pharmaceutical drop box, contact the Cayuga Heights Police Department at 607-257-1011.



Success of the Centennial continued...

Publicity and financial support for the centennial have come from many sources. Local author Jane Marsh Dieckmann, also a past resident, wrote an article for the *Ithaca Times* before the house tour. Graphics designer Terry Marcus contributed her expertise for mailings and brochures. The costs of publicity for the Speaker Series talks by Carol Sisler, Fred Cowett, Pat Longoria and myself, and for the panel discussion hosted by the Kendal Residents Council and chaired by Ralph Janis, were made possible by the grant from the Tompkins County Office of Tourism where Tom Knipe provided professional guidance. Thanks also to Paul and Pearse Anderson for video taping the lecture and panel events.

Finally, the professional staff of the Village contributed throughout the centennial year. Clerk and Treasurer Joan Mangione oversaw the work of the Public Works Department crew in refurbishing the clerical office upstairs in Marcham Hall. She also participated in the courtroom lighting restoration and the other projects undertaken to preserve the historical integrity of the building. Superintendent of Public Works Brent Cross, who oversaw the addition to the building a few years ago, funded in part by a grant secured by Village Justice Glenn Galbreath, has given advice and help. Deputy Clerk Angela Podufalski and Information Aide Tayo Johnson have cheerfully met every request for help in research and the organization of activities. Mayor Kate Supron and the Board of Trustees have supported all our efforts.

Moving forward with the momentum generated by the centennial celebrations is our new priority. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cayugaheightshistory/>. Better yet join us, as Gail Wagner, Lee Moon and Gail Cashen have done, and become a staff writer gathering the stories of village houses for <http://cayugaheightshistory.weebly.com/>. There will be more history talks and other events. That only a hundred years could yield such a fine harvest is a tribute to everyone who has lived in this little 1.8 square mile community and made it interesting. Thanks to everyone who came to the centennial events; please join in the fun ahead.





From the Mayor by Kate Supron

Dog Control Ordinance

The Village is home to many adorable dogs who bring great joy to their owners. In an effort to ensure that you and your dog are being good neighbors, following is a brief review of the main tenets of the Village’s Dog Control Ordinance.

Highlights:

- You must have your dog on a leash when not on your own property
- You cannot allow your dog to engage in habitual howling or barking



- You must pick up all droppings that are not on your own property
- You cannot allow your dog to chase vehicles or pedestrians or otherwise harass pedestrians not on your property. You must also ensure that your dog does not damage the property of others.

Observed violations can be reported to the Village of Cayuga Heights Police Department, who will investigate and if necessary issue a citation for the dog owner to appear in the Village Court.

For those wanting the exact language of the Ordinance:

“Any person owning or harboring any dog in the Village of Cayuga Heights shall be in violation of this Local Law if such dog, whether or not tagged or licensed and whether or not muzzled:

- a. is not under control and not restrained by an adequate collar and leash when not on the owner’s property;
- b. engages in habitual loud howling or barking so as habitually to annoy any person;
- c. causes damage or destruction to property, or defecates, urinates, or otherwise commits a nuisance other than on the premises of the person owning or harboring such dog;
- d. when not on the owner’s property, chases or otherwise harasses any person in such manner as reasonably to cause intimidation or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury;
- e. habitually chases or barks at motor vehicles or bicycles.”

The full text of the ordinance may be found on the Village’s website under “Village Government” “Laws and Ordinances” (pages 174-176). <http://www.cayuga-heights.ny.us/doc/20101101vchLAWS.pdf>

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From the Mayor continued...

Deer Management

We continue our efforts to manage and monitor our deer population. Since January 2013 we have reduced the population by 55% using a combination of surgical sterilization and culling. Our deer density has dropped from a high of 125 deer per square mile in January 2013 to 58 deer per square mile last spring.



Many residents have commented to me that they have noticed reduced deer impacts caused by the declining deer population as a result of the Village’s combined sterilization and culling program begun in December 2012. A review of the deer-vehicle accident data support these anecdotal observations.

YEAR	Deer-Vehicle Accidents	Deer Incidents
2003	2	10
2004	10	14
2005	8	9
2006	11	8
2007	12	13
2008	6	16
2009	24	31
2010	30	29
2011	18	43
2012	15	22
2013	13	24
2014	6	20
2015 (through November)	1	6

A “Deer-Vehicle Accident” is an accident reported to and investigated by the Cayuga Heights Police Department in which there is proof that a car collided with a deer.

A “Deer Incident” is some other problem involving a deer that was reported to and investigated by the Cayuga Heights Police Department. For example; an officer is called to the scene of an injured deer. Another example: an officer is called to the scene of a dead deer in the roadway and has to remove the deer from the roadway.

The Village has contracted with Cornell’s Department of Natural Resources to conduct the annual deer population survey required by our License to Collect and Possess issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The camera survey will be done in January, and it will give us both a population count and the percentage of sterilized does. The Village Board will use the data generated to guide its decision on deer management activities for 2016.

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Make sure to visit our newly designed webpage!

www.cayuga-heights.ny.us



From the Mayor continued...

Food Scrap Drop Spot Program

Did you know that you can bring your food waste (and a few non food waste items like paper towels and tissues) to the Village Hall for composting? Drop off is each Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Alternate times are available at the following locations:

Recycling & Solid Waste Center:	160 Commercial Ave., Ithaca	Mon - Sat from 7am - 3:30pm
Cayuga Compost:	3225 Agard Rd., Trumansburg	24 hours a day
Dryden Town Highway Department:	61 E. Main St. (Rt. 392)	Saturdays from 9am - Noon
Cornell Cooperative Extension:	615 Willow Ave., Ithaca	Sundays from 10am - 2pm
Lansing Village Office:	2405 N. Triphammer Rd.	Saturdays from 10am - 1pm

This free program is in partnership with the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Department, and is funded by their recycling revenue.

When we began this program in June of this year we had 24.5 drops per week for the first month. It has since grown to an average of 87.5 drops per week.

Our goal is to have 10% of our households participating within the first year. With approximately 1541 households in the Village (includes single and two family homes, apartments, and Kendal cottages and apartments) we need 150 drops each week to achieve this goal.

Stop by the Food Scrap Drop Spot, 836 Hanshaw Road, on any Sunday between 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. to get information and pick up your free collection containers. If you are already participating, please help spread the word about the Food Scrap Drop Spot program by telling your friends and neighbors.





Village Election Information by Clerk & Treasurer Joan Mangione

This piece is not intended to announce or support specific candidates, but rather to outline the Village election process.

New York State Election Law, §15-104 (1)(a), sets the date for village elections as the third Tuesday in March each year. The next Village Election will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. However, the process began in October and one needs to take the first steps in January if one wishes to be on the ballot.

This year the offices to be filled include three of the six seats on the Board of Trustees, currently held by Maryann Friend, James Marshall, and Linda Woodard. The offices of Mayor (currently held by Kate Supron) and Justice (currently held by Glenn Galbreath) are also on the 2016 ballot.

The Trustee and Mayor terms are for two years and the Village Justice serves a four-year term. All candidates in the Village of Cayuga Heights run as independents, with no national party affiliations. Village Trustees are unpaid. The Mayor and Justice receive part-time compensation.

Any Village resident who is a US Citizen and over the age of 18 years may petition to be on the ballot. This is done by collecting a minimum of 75 signatures on an "Independent Nominating Petition" and submitting the completed petition to the Tompkins County Board of Elections. Forms are available at the Board of Elections office. For the 2016 election signatures may be collected beginning on December 29, 2015. Completed petitions may be submitted between February 2 and February 9, 2016.

Each candidate who completes the process of getting on the ballot is invited

to have a brief campaign statement and biographical sketch posted on the Village of Cayuga Heights website.

You may contact the Village Clerk's office for descriptions of the duties required of each office holder. The Board of Elections website includes a page of Frequently Asked Questions. Board staff will answer questions regarding the election process either in person at their offices located at 128 E. Buffalo Street, Ithaca or by phone at (607) 274-5522.

Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are also available in the Village Clerk's office. Voting will take place at Kendal of Ithaca on N. Triphammer Road.

Village of Cayuga Heights
COMMUNITY PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have great shots of the neighborhood? We want to feature the winning photo on our newly updated Village of Cayuga Heights website!

We are looking for beautiful photos of the Village of Cayuga Heights' natural settings, community, families, and historic buildings.

If you would like to have your photo(s) considered for inclusion on the new website, please review the following guidelines:

- Only digital images can be accepted. Prints or film need to be converted.
- Only horizontal images please.
- Color and Black & White photos are welcome.
- Specify where in the Village each photo was taken.
- Limit of 12 images per photographer.
- Photos of private property or people must have signed photo releases (available on the website).

A panel of local judges will select the winning photograph. Photo credit and contact information (if the winner desires) will be included in the next quarterly newsletter. Photographers retain rights to own and sell their photos.

For more information and instructions, go to www.cayuga-heights.ny.us or call 607-257-1238

DEADLINE: Thursday, March 10



From the Fire Superintendent by George Tamborelle

We had a fantastic summer at the fire station. Our inaugural summer program of Movies at the Fire Station was a huge success. We tried to pick a good selection of movies that would appeal to all of the attendees and were very pleased with the attendance each Thursday evening. Our best attendance was for “Star Wars, A New Hope,” which seemed to appeal to a wide range of folks. We observed many parents talking through the movie trying to explain to their kids how much the movie meant to them when they were young (most of the kids just nodded tolerantly at their parents...) The Fire Company purchased a popcorn machine and handed out bags of free popcorn all night long. We also gave out Freeze Pops and Ice Cream Sandwiches as each evening progressed. The Smash Truck, a local food truck vendor, came to every movie night and offered very tasty dinners. The weather cooperated and we only had to move inside for one night all summer. We are looking forward to the second season of Movie Nights in the summer of 2016.

As we moved into the fall we held our annual recruiting drive looking for new volunteers for the department. After a month of recruiting in the community and on campus we started with a class of 16 new members in October. Following three weekends of intense training plus one night of AHA CPR training the recruits, also known as “probies” moved on to checklist work. The recruits are very motivated and our members are working with them to move through the checklist process. Each “probie” must complete the skills checklist before March 1st, 2016. The checklist consists of over 40 skills each of which need to be demonstrated to a senior member twice before it is considered mastered and a sign off is given. All the new members must also complete a state firefighting course offered in the county within the first year of membership. We look forward to helping these new firefighters through the process and we welcome them to the fraternity of the fire service. There are currently 58 volunteer firefighters in the department and 8 members of the fire company support staff.

As the seasons change we would like to remind all Village residents of the dangers of winter weather. Please keep the following in mind as we face the upcoming season:

1. Wear layers of warm clothing if you are going to spend extended periods of time outdoors.
2. As the weather gets colder your water pipes may freeze. You can get commercially available pipe wraps and heat tape at most hardware stores. Please use them only as specified by the manufacturer. If your pipes do freeze and you need to thaw them, **do not use open flame devices.**



There were several fires in the county last winter caused by homeowners thawing pipes with open flame torches. If you need to thaw pipes a hair dryer would work very well.



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From the Superintendent of Public Works by Brent Cross

HOW DO WATER AND SEWER RATES AFFECT YOU?

When water is used in your home, the water meter keeps track of how many gallons are consumed. That water meter reading is used to generate the quarterly billing that you receive from Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (SCLIWC, familiarly known as Bolton Point). The revenue raised is used in part to pay for the water that you consumed (from Bolton Point’s treatment plant) and in part to pay for the Village’s infrastructure used to get the water from the water tank(s) to your home and to get the sewage from your home to the Village Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). The cost to operate the WWTP is also included in the sewer portion of the bill.

Since the cost to maintain the water and sewer pipes is a function of how much water and wastewater is used by the residents, the Village allocates the cost of those systems to each property based on a billing rate that distributes cost proportionally to the users. This “fee for service” method is a more equitable system than including these costs in the real estate taxes that are used to pay for other services like general government, road maintenance and snow plowing.

During the annual budget preparation Village staff and elected officials review prior year and proposed expenditures to determine if the current billing rate is adequate to cover the cost of operating these water systems. Adjustments are made as needed to maintain a fiscally sound balance.

The water rate is based on the cost of the bulk purchase of water from Bolton Point, plus a surcharge that the Village adds for the cost of operating the distribution system. Five municipalities co-own Bolton Point. They are the Towns of Dryden, Ithaca, and Lansing and the Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights. Each is represented by two commissioners. The ten commissioners unanimously establish the cost of taking the water out of Cayuga Lake, treating it and pumping it to the various water tanks. The rate is per 1,000 gallons of consumption with a quarterly minimum billing for 10,000 gallons. This billing metric is currently under review and may be revised in the future. On January 1, 2016 Bolton Point’s water rate was increased to \$4.44 from \$4.35 per 1,000 gallons. The Village surcharge of 79% has remained unchanged. The quarterly minimum cost for water consumption thus will be \$79.50 on your February 2016 bill.

The sewer rate is based on the operating cost of the Village’s collection system and the WWTP, divided by the predicted gross consumption of water. Since the water consumption is already metered by Bolton Point, the billing rate for sewage treatment is added onto the water bill for convenience and efficiency. The minimum quarterly cost of sewer use remains unchanged at \$21.50. Therefore, the combined minimum quarterly water and sewer bill will be \$101.00

Even though this represents a small increase, the good news is that both our water and sewer rates are considered to be below the state average according statistics compiled by the New York State Conference of Mayors.



From the Fire Superintendent continued...

- 3. If you have a commercially hard wired or plug-in smoke or carbon monoxide detector in your home, it would be good if those devices also have a battery backup. The battery should be changed twice a year.
- 4. It would be very helpful if you could shovel out any fire hydrant(s) in front of your house. After a heavy snow fall we try to get out and clear as many of the hydrants around the fire district as we can, and are always very grateful to come upon those already shoveled out.



We at the fire department are proud to serve the Village of Cayuga Heights and the Town of Ithaca. We truly appreciate the support of the community. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

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– BRUSH –
– BULKY TRASH –
– RECYCLING –
SCHEDULE

Date	Brush 1st Fri	Bulky 3rd Fri	TC Recycling Every other Fri
Jan. 2016	4*	15	8, 22
Feb. 2016	5	19	5, 19
March 2016	4	18	4, 18
April 2016	1	15	1, 15, 29
May 2016	6	20	13, 27
June 2016	3	17	10, 24
July 2016	1	15	9*, 22
Aug. 2016	5	19	5, 19



*Late due to holiday