

Village of Churchville Newsletter

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Dedication Ceremony for New Firehouse



The Churchville Fire Department cordially invites you to attend the Dedication Ceremony Of Their New Firehouse on **Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.** Churchville Fire Department
24 Washington Street
Churchville, NY 14428



Message from the Mayor...

The completion of the new Churchville Firehouse has brought to our community a building that we all can be proud of. I certainly hope that everyone joins us on September 26th for the Dedication Ceremony at the firehouse. I have toured the facility and am very proud of the fine effort that has gone into this building. We now have a facility that will be easier to use, more efficient and provide the capacity for growth for many years to come.

I would like to share several highlights in the Village from this summer-

- We are fortunate to be the recipients of \$250,000 from the Restore NY Grant for the Luster Coate Redevelopment. This site is proposed to be redeveloped by Lotus Green Development, LLC, as mixed-use green housing units built along Black Creek. Some unique features of this sustainable green development are high energy efficiency, LED lighting, geothermal HVAC system, solar panels and onsite shared gardening areas with a public walkway trail along the creek.
- The very successful concert series was enjoyed by over 100 people and even when the rain began, umbrellas came out and the music played on. This was brought to the community by a joint effort of the Riga Recreation Department and the Village of Churchville each Wednesday evening at the gazebo. We also thank Waste Management for sponsoring the Jimmy Jam Band. There have been requests to extend the Concert season next year and we are already working on an expanded schedule.
- Our downtown area continues to be revitalized by the active participation of property owners in the NYS Main Street Grant. As we move towards the end of the first year, we have had over \$200,000 invested in our downtown with another \$200,000 in progress. We are thankful for the opportunity this has provided for property owners and for tradesmen in our area.

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- The new municipal electric substation construction continues with an anticipated May 2010 completion date. Please take the time to drive down Sanford Road North to view the construction progress. Completion of this upgrade will provide continued safe and reliable electric service to our community for many years.

During these tough economic times, the Village has also worked towards cutting costs and saving money at every turn. We continue to explore the opportunity for Federal Stimulus money and available grants to assist with needed projects. We are on the Federal Stimulus list for upgrades to Ridgefield Drive, Greenway Boulevard and to our storm water and sewer system. Grant applications have been submitted to assist in development of the WestShore Trail and upgrades to the Village file storage areas.

As we move towards the fall season, you will notice some landscaping projects under way at the Village office and gazebo area. These projects include an Eagle Scout project to enhance the entrance to the Village Office and a joint project by the Churchville Lions, Town of Riga and Village of Churchville to develop a Community Memorial Park surrounding the gazebo.

As we bring this year's celebration of Riga's Bicentennial to a close with ceremonies in December, we look forward to celebrating 200 years of flour production in our Village with the Star of the West in 2010.

We have a great community! I truly believe that through the efforts of our planning processes, we, as a community, continue to work towards a unified vision. Have a safe and enjoyable fall and winter. And as always, our doors are open. If you have any questions, concerns or compliments, please feel free to drop in and bring them to our attention.

Mayor Nancy

Happy Birthday to Agnes Smith - 100 Years Young



Agnes Marie Wehner Smith turned 100 on August 9th. She was born August 9, 1909 and has been a resident of the Village since 1998. She currently lives at 32 North Main Street with Charles and Christine Smith (her son and daughter-in-law). A birthday open house celebration for Agnes was held and Trustee Diane Pusateri presented Agnes with a certificate from the Village Board. Mayor Nancy wished Agnes a Happy Birthday by presenting Agnes with a Bicentennial blanket. Agnes appreciated the blanket and looks forward to using it to keep warm this winter. We are truly proud to have one of our Village of Churchville citizens turn 100!

Eagle Scout Project Completed

Troop 133 Scout Jon Mosbruger has completed his Eagle Scout project of a bricked area in front of the Village Office building. It was a cooperative project by many partners under the direction of Scout Jon. We will soon be adding benches to this area for the community to enjoy. A job well done! Thank you Jon!

CSX Railroad Crossing Update

CSX is planning on repairing the railroad crossing in the Village of Churchville this fall. Currently they have welded some of the joints on the rails. However, in order to fix the crossing area, they need the use of a special machine. When this machine becomes available, we will have notice that the crossing will be closed for repairs. Your patience during this repair is appreciated. We also need to extend our thanks to Senator James Alesi and Monroe County Legislators Wayne Zyra and Robert Colby for their assistance in keeping this repair on schedule.

Fire Department

The Churchville Volunteer Fire Department is searching for some artifacts from previous years of the Fire Department. If you have any that you would be willing to put on display at the Firehouse, contact Fred Lennon at 293-1406 or drop them off at the Village Office.



Department of Public Works News



Underground Electric Update

Again this year the Department of Public Works employees have been hard at work. They have been continuing their work from last year on upgrading the underground electric throughout Churchville Greene. This upgrade is much needed and long overdue. This project has caused occasional phone, cable and power outages in Churchville Greene and we would like to thank the residents for their patience. The DPW will do all needed restoration work to restore any areas that have been disturbed due to their work, and as things settle after winter any areas that may need more work will be fixed.

Parnell Drive Resurfacing

This summer the DPW resurfaced Parnell Drive from the cul-de-sac to Redfern Dr. Each year the DPW employees do an inspection of each road and the results get entered into a Pavement Management Software which calculates the conditions of the roads. Parnell Drive was the next road that needed resurfacing. Each year the Village budgets to repair at least one road. Doing this is preventative maintenance - costs of resurfacing are much less than the costs of a complete road repair. The Village would like to thank the residents on Parnell Drive for their cooperation during this project and hope you find the newly resurfaced road pleasant to drive on.

New Electric Substation

The new substation project is moving along. A site work contractor has been selected and has started work on the site on Sanford Road North. The major equipment that has been ordered since October 2008 is due to start arriving with the switchgear due in mid October and the substation transformers due to arrive in mid February 2010. Final details are still being worked out with National Grid regarding the intertie with their transmission lines. This project will require numerous scheduled power outages over the next 10 months as we change all of the over head transformers throughout the Village, the connections to National Grid's system are made, and finally the sectionalized outages throughout the Village as the system is converted to a higher primary voltage. We will strive to give as much notice as possible to all of these outages by either door-to-door notification, a letter or as always with notices in the Suburban News. The Village Board and every employee of the Village understands that this project will cause numerous inconveniences and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work through this very extensive project. When this project is completed we can all look forward to many years of reliable service without concerns of overloaded circuits and lines.



Village Office News



Utility Payments

Effective September 1, 2009 the Bank of America will no longer accept Village utility payments.

Customers may still pay in person at the Village Office or use the drop box provided. Credit card payments (Discover & Master Card) are also accepted if paid in person at the Village Office. There is a convenience fee of 2.45% or \$1.50 whichever is greater if credit cards are used. Customers also have the option to have the payments directly debited from their accounts – contact Cathy Paye if you are interested in this option.

Electric Bill– Special State Assessment

As required by State law, effective July 1, 2009 utilities were mandated to collect a special State assessment from all customers for the State's general fund. Utilities are required to collect this special assessment through March 2014.

The Municipal Electric Systems elected to add this charge to the PPAC calculation. It is estimated that Village Electric Customers' annual bill will increase by approximately 2%. All money collected through this assessment is passed onto the State. The Village Municipal Electric makes no profit on this assessment. This special State assessment is expected to raise approximately \$540 million for the State's general fund in the first fiscal year.

The Memorial Church

Discovered within the archives at the Rochester, Rundel Memorial Library is a pamphlet titled "Frances Willard Memorial, Churchville, New York." Revealed in this four page document are the plans to construct a memorial church within the Village of Churchville, honoring the accomplishments of Frances Willard, one of our nation's greatest temperance leaders. But, where in the village was this church to be located, who would finance the project, and what would it look like? For years, these and many other questions went unanswered. Then, after months of research, the answer was to be found buried in the microfilmed archives of the local newspapers at the Rundel Library. The date was July 24, 1921 and on page two of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper the following headline appeared: "Churchville, Birthplace of Frances Willard, to Erect Church as Memorial to Her Miss Willard's Birthplace and Rev. A. R. Bloomfield." The article continued as follows: "The Churchville Methodist Church is planning a building campaign of national importance namely the erection of a memorial church to the honor of Frances Willard, Churchville's immortal. The plan originated in the mind of the pastor Rev. A. R. Bloomfield last winter and was presented to his Official Board in February of this year. The board accepted the proposition unanimously and plans have rapidly been carried out until there is little doubt of the carrying out of the proposal.

Feeling that Churchville has not signally honored Miss Willard and that the Methodist Church has never given due honor to the greatest women of the denomination since Susan Wesley, the Churchville church plans to build a memorial church of stone at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00. In the building will be a room set apart as the Frances Willard Memorial Room and here a shrine will be erected that every admirer of Miss Willard will have a part in.

Miss Willard was born in Churchville in September 1839. The frame house which was her birthplace has since been torn down with the exception of the bedroom in which she was born. This has been uniquely preserved and now forms the kitchen of the house at the rear of the Stewart Market. George Keith and family now occupy the house. The plan of the Methodist Church is no less than taking this room just as it is and was in 1839 and incorporating it into the new church. This birth room then will be the Frances E. Willard Memorial Room.

The church will be modern in every respect and will be especially equipped for Sunday-school and community service. It will be seventy feet long by fifty-five wide. The main entrance will be on the southeast corner. From the vestibule doors will lead into the main auditorium and into the lecture room on the south. The auditorium planned will have a circular floor. Built out from the main wall on the east and west of the auditorium will be Sunday-school rooms. The pulpit and choir place will be at the north as in the present church. Back of these will be the choir room and the pastors study with rear door. In the basement a gymnasium, dining hall, kitchen and furnace room are planned.

The Methodist Church at present consists of about a hundred members. The building now standing was erected in 1834 and has been extensively repaired, the basement and steel ceiling having been put in under the administration of Rev. J. S. Wilson, the predecessor of Mr. Bloomfield. The congregation plans to use the present edifice until early next year and then tear it down for the purpose of building the new building on the same site. The committees of the church are as follows: Finance, A. R. Anderson, Harry Church, Mrs. E. Ames, A. E. Fuller and Walter Luckham; Correspondence Committee, A. R. Anderson, Peter Case, Mrs. Peter Case, Mrs. George Fuller, William Criswell, Frank Adams, Mrs. Frank Adams, Mrs. A. E. Fuller and Mrs. C. Q. Adams; Building Committee, George Fuller, Charles Sanford, C. Q. Adams, Frederick Kofaal, William Renain, A. E. Fuller and Walter Luckham.

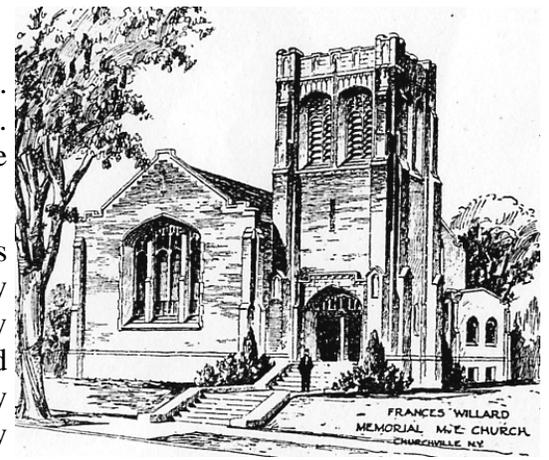
The campaign to raise funds will be a national campaign. Already the Women's Christian Temperance Union, through its various branches and offices, is giving the matter publicity. County unions are making for the privilege of contributing some particular part of the building, such as a window, furniture, etc. The sister of the national president, Miss Elizabeth Gordon, is writing special articles to be used in the campaign. There president herself, a former secretary to Miss Willard, now in Brazil, favors the idea.

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Leaders of the Methodist Church are backing the local committees. Among them are Bishop William Burt and District Superintendent J. H. Coman. It is expected that the funds will be available by the first of the year as the building operations can be started.”

As we know now, the memorial church was never constructed. I was able to track the efforts of Rev. Bloomfield up until 1925, when only several thousand dollars had been totally collected. Efforts to fully attract the aid of the National Women’s Christian Temperance Union did go unanswered. From this point on the trail runs cold, and I can only assume that the drive ended. What happened to the money collected only remains a mystery.



Artist rendering of the
Frances Willard Memorial Church

Lions Club Recycling Changes

The Churchville Lions Club is recycling items to help others and would like to thank you for your past recycling efforts. Lions Club recycle cans are located in the Village of Churchville Office, Town Hall of Riga and the Newman Riga Library.

Churchville Lions Club Recycles:

- **Eye Glasses-** go to third world countries. We recycled over 50,000 pairs from the Rochester area last year.
- **Hearing Aids-** are repaired, refurbished and fitted to local residents. Rochester area Lions recycled over 150 hearing aids this past year but the need is always greater than the supply.
- **Ink Jet Cartridges-** We get some reimbursement which goes back to the community events. Last year we received less than \$10.
- **Cell Phones-** We have just started collecting cell phones.

Please note that Laser printer carriages are NO LONGER being recycled by the Churchville Lions Club because there are many other ways to recycle them now. (Churchville-Chili Admission offices have a box in the foyer)

The Churchville-Chili Leos Club is a service club for students at the Sr. and Jr. High Schools.

Churchville Chili Leos Club Recycles:

- **Pull tabs from beverage cans (aluminum)** - Donated tabs are given to Lakeside Hospital in Brockport for the purchase of medical equipment. The Leos collected over 150 pounds of tabs last year.
- **Greeting Card Fronts ONLY-** Donated to various groups to make gift tags, recycled cards, craft projects
- **Campbell Soup labels-** are used to purchase education supplies at Churchville-Chili schools.
- **Box Top coupons-** are also used for the same purpose at the schools.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, WE CAN RECYCLE A GREAT AMOUNT OF MATERIAL.

Medical Loan equipment

The community can borrow electric beds, lift chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, and crutches free of charge from our closet. If you have durable equipment that you are no longer in need of, you may want to consider recycling the equipment through the Loan Closet. Contact Lion George at 594-2103.

Again, we thank the village, town and the community for supporting the Churchville Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Pete Neidrauer

Newman Riga Library

Insomnia is a double edged sword. While it sure doesn't feel good, it gives you lots of time to come up with subjects for local newsletters. No one ever said that 3 A.M. topics are coherent or anything but stupid for that matter, but it's summer, indulge me.

You know those stupid songs one hears and tries to figure out?

Blinded by the Light, Revved up like a Deuce, another Runner in the Night... those are the real words....I won't even tell you what I hear.

The Boss does NOT sing *Tell the Devils you can freeze out...* rather he sings... *10th Avenue Freeze Out*.

Maybe you're just like my Mother, she's never sat inside is not what Prince intended. "*Sat Inside*" is really "*satisfied*".

Then there's the category of the "Just Plain Stupid". Consider the phrase "*How can we dance when our earth is turning, How do we sleep while our beds are burning*" What exactly does that mean? How about Coldplay's **Yellow**? Even Chris Martin hasn't a clue.

Remember that song about "*if you like pina coladas?*" What kind of idiot would welcome a partner who is answering romantic ads in the paper?

Remember **The Picture** by Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow...what sort of people are these folks anyway! Listen to the words sometime. I could go on.

Where am I going with all of this? Well, its all pointing me in the direction of books. Reduced to its lowest common denominator, some classic books in literature sound pretty dumb at first blush. Let's see, there's Ahab with a personal vendetta against a whale! Not a man, mind you, but a whale! **Moby Dick** is an American Classic.

Who can read **The Sound and the Fury** by Faulkner and not be reminded of the ramblings of a neurotic drunk? Faulkner probably understood what he was trying to do... (Maybe), but most readers struggle.

Ulysses by Joyce was cutting-edge literature in its day. The minutiae of one day's events told in stream of consciousness style. What is the point? No one can read and understand it all outside of a classroom in which the work is dissected and studied. Perhaps. The same can be said of **Tristram Shandy** by Sterne. And yet all of the books are considered great classics in literature.

Why bother with these at all? The best reason for reading the classics, all of them, including the "toughies" was summarized by Einstein:

Somebody who reads only newspapers and at best the books of contemporary authors looks to me like an extremely nearsighted person who scorns eyeglasses. He is completely dependent on the prejudices and fashions of his times, since he never gets to see or hear anything else. And what a person thinks on his own without being stimulated by the thoughts and experiences of other people is even in the best case rather paltry and monotonous.

There are only a few enlightened people with a lucid mind and style and with good taste within a century. What has been preserved of their work belongs among the most precious possessions of mankind.

Nothing is more needed than to overcome the modernist's snobbishness.

In other words folks, the songs are just songs, without much cultural merit. You can continue to fancy them inane. But the literature; difficult as it may seem, needs to be readconsider the experience your dose of cod liver oil for the day. It's good for you!

The Library Edition of Ancestry.com is available at the library for your genealogical research. Classes on the basics of searching will be held on the following dates:

September 22nd @ 7 PM

October 27th @7 PM

December 8th @7 PM

October 13th @7 PM

November 10th @7 PM

Space is limited and registration is necessary, so register early.

Work continues on the Local History projects. Special thanks to those

Reminders

Power Outages

If you are experiencing a power outage, wait about 1/2 hour after the power goes off and then call the Village DPW Garage, we will have the phone manned to give live updates as they become available.

DPW Garage Phone: 293-3366

Cemetery Decorations

All pots and urns must be removed from grave sites by October 15th each year. Christmas wreaths and such decorations may be placed at the gravesites but must be removed by March 15th of each year or they will be discarded.

Winter Parking

It is illegal to park on any Village streets from 2:00 am to 6:00 am, November 1st to May 1st. Please note special winter parking regulations in the municipal parking lot on S. Main St. Any cars parked in these areas at said times may be ticketed.

Winter Mailbox Damage

If your mailbox gets damaged during snow removal by the Village of Churchville it will be repaired or replaced by the Department of Public Works with a standard 4x4 post and the standard size metal mailbox regardless of what you have installed.

Village Brush Pick-Up

The first and third Monday every month the Village will be picking up brush piles. In the winter months brush will be picked up as needed. Lawn debris and leaves must be in brown biodegradable bags to be picked up by the Village until mid-October when fall leaf pick up begins.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Every Monday starting in mid-October the DPW will pick up leaf piles. There can be NO sticks or twigs in the leaf piles because they will damage the machine. Leaves will only be picked up if piled loosely in the right-of-way or in biodegradable bags.

Waste Oil

The Department of Public Works burns waste oil to heat their shop. If you have any waste oil you are looking to dispose of you may drop it off at the DPW. Any questions call 293-3366

Bicentennial Ceremony Information

Please join us for the closing ceremony of the Bicentennial on December 11, 2009 and the Village of Churchville's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Look for more information to come.

The Village Office will be CLOSED on the following dates:

October 12th - Columbus Day
November 26th & 27th - Thanksgiving
December 24th & 25th - Christmas
January 1st - New Year Day
February 15th - President's Day
April 2nd - Good Friday

Normal business hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm

Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings-
2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7:15pm

Planning Board Meetings-
1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

Community Memorial Park Meetings-
3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Trail Committee Meetings-
Last Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

All meetings are at the Village Office

E-Z Passes

The Village Office has E-Z Pass On-the-Go tags for \$25. The tag is active immediately for the first \$10. The remaining \$15 will be added to your tag once registered.

Passport Books and Passport Cards

The Village Office is now accepting applications from 9a.m. to 3p.m. Monday - Friday.
Passport Books: \$100.00 Passport Cards: \$45.00
Photos: \$10.00

Infrared Home Scanning

Contact the Village of Churchville for an Infrared Home Scanning. The DPW Crew will scan your home from the outside and prepare a report showing areas in your home that may be losing heat. This will be done in the winter months when conditions are best for the Infrared camera to capture potential heat loss.

CFL Bulbs and Battery Recycling Program

The Village office will be accepting CFL light bulbs and batteries to be recycled. Ni-Cad, Alkaline, Carbon and Button Cell batteries will be accepted.



Concerts in the Gazebo



Lions Club Country Fair



Bicentennial Duck Race



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