



# Village Connection

Village of Central Square

October-November-December-Fall 2017

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**Mayor's Message:** Dear Neighbors, it is hard to believe we are preparing for Autumn. As many of us begin the fall ritual of putting away lawn furniture, closing pools and raking leaves, another tradition occurs- BACK TO SCHOOL! By the time this letter is received, school will be back in session and hopefully those of us with children will be into nice routines.

It is important to note this to our village residents. Our village population nearly doubles everyday with the students coming to the village. It requires a good line of communication with the school administrators, our police for smooth traffic patterns and the safety of all and DPW for keeping the roads in good shape.

Many of you may have noticed the two new brick columns being installed on the corner of US State Route 11 and Hillcrest. We are excited to see the new Central Square School District sign. It is a nice addition to Main Street and a much-needed sign pointing to our campus for the safety and welfare of residents and for visitors to our area. I would like to give a special thanks to the school superintendent, Mr. Tom Colabufo and to Mr. Joe Weidenbeck for making this happen.

During the past few months there have been some changes at our village office. I am proud to wish Marie Loran a happy retirement. Marie served as the Village Clerk for more than ten years faithfully and diligently. Marie had become a good friend and someone many of us could count on for the right answers. The Clerk position was filled by Peggy Walsh. Peggy has demonstrated to be the right fit for the position. Peggy has a positive attitude and can help residents with their questions.

Since it is the Fall season, that means leave and brush pick up will soon begin. This is a friendly reminder, we are not a tree service. We will pick up leaves and brush left at the edge of the road. Please separate as best you can and do not bag leaves. If you are unsure, please feel free to contact the village office.

I hope our residents have noticed the new digital sign in front of the village office. It is a nice way to inform the public on events in the community and traffic alerts. It is in line with our efforts of creating a more eye appealing signage throughout the village.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Masonic Lodge on celebrating 150 years of community service. The organization has given back to the Central Square community and we hope they continue for a long time to come. This is impressive when you consider the Village of Central Square is only 127 years old. I would like to thank Mr. Schill, Mr. Bombardo and Mr. Fuller and the numerous other members for your years of service. Keep up the great work!!! Thank you, Mayor Ken Sherman



**New Hours:**

Starting October 2, 2017 the Central Square Urgent Care facility will close at 8:30pm. However, it will continue to open at 9am.

**Leaf and Brush Pick up**

The Village of Central Square will pick up leaves and brush from about Mid Oct.-first snow accumulation. To utilize the DPW services most effectively and affordably we cannot extend leaf pick up beyond these dates. LOGS, STUMPS, LARGE AMOUNTS OF STICKS AND LEAVES FROM CLEARING, GRASS CLIPPINGS, FLOWERS, WEEDS, PLANTS and LUMBER WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. Leaves should be raked and placed as close to the edge of the street as possible. Do not bag leaves. Do not place leaves on sidewalks or in ditches. No other materials should be placed in the leaf pile including grass, branches, landscape waste etc. Small amounts of sticks that have fallen from trees should be placed in a separate pile and not bound. Do not obstruct drainage.



**Parking Restriction** Please take note that during the months of October 1st through April 20th there is restricted parking on all village streets. Parking is prohibited during the hours of 12:00a.m. (Midnight) until 6:00a.m. Vehicles violating this village law will be subject to parking fines and towing fees.

**Snow removal:** The Village of Central Square would like to remind everyone that once the snow comes, please help to keep the water hydrants and sidewalks clear near your home. A cleared hydrant can help save precious time in the case of a fire. Also remember when clearing snow from driveways, do not shovel, blow or plow snow into the streets. This can create a hazardous condition for drivers and pedestrians. Village code section 152-1 reads:

**A.** No person shall sweep, throw or deposit, or cause to be swept, thrown or deposited, any ashes, dirt, stone, brick, leaves, grass, weeds, or any other debris or rubbish of any kind or any water or liquid of any kind except for purposes of cleansing the same into any public highway, street, gutter or public place or upon any sidewalk within the Village.

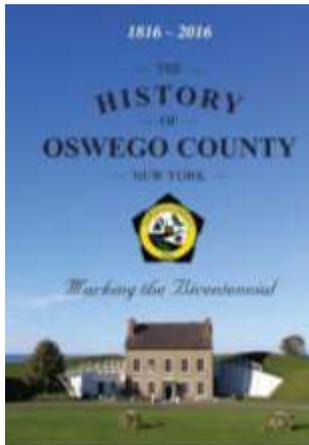
**B.** No person shall throw, put, push or place or cause to be thrown, put, pushed or placed any snow or ice into any public highway, street, public place or thoroughfare in the Village.

Thank you for your help.

**Stay Up to Date!** Be sure to stay current and find answers to many questions on our website at <http://www.villageofcentralsquare-ny.us/index.php> or the facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MyHometownVOCS>

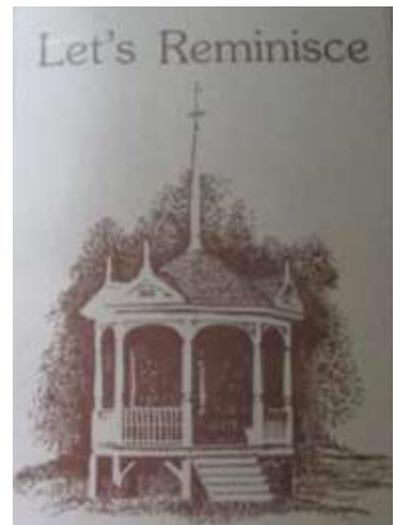
### **Central Square Community Historical Society & Museum**

Upcoming discussions (subject to change) are 1-3 on: October 15: Early Schools Nov. 19: Dean Burdick will discuss the dairy business/routes Dec. 10: Holiday gathering. In addition to the topic talks we share new acquisitions, have open discussions and sharing and museum viewing. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to donate item(s) to the collection or arrange a special museum viewing contact Village Historian, Heather Stevens at [dstevens@incpark.com](mailto:dstevens@incpark.com) or 676-2682. The society also has postcards and other items for sale as well. Memberships to support the society are also on sale. Annual dues for individuals is \$10 or a family membership is \$15. Membership runs from January 1-December 31. the village offices 3125 East Ave/Rt. 49. The museum is located upstairs.



### **Local History Books**

There are still a few copies of The History of Oswego County Marking the Bicentennial Books and Let's Reminisce Books available at the village office. These make great gifts! The History of Oswego County Hardcover is \$20 each and History of Oswego County softcover as well as softcover Let's Reminisce are \$10 each.



### **Planning Board & ZBA Member**

The village would like to welcome our two newest Planning Board member; Mark Monica. We still have one vacancy on the Village Zoning Board. The ZBA for the Village of Central Square meets on an as needed basis at the Village Offices. The ZBA hears cases in which there is a disagreement with the Village's interpretation of the Building Codes and they grant variances as needed. If you are interested in being considered for the vacant spot please notify the village, Mayor or any village board member.

**Village Planning Board meets (generally) the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm.**

**Village Board meets (generally) the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm.**



**Hyper-Reach** will already call your home phone number(s) in the event of local emergencies or community alerts. You do

not need to register your home phone number. Submitting the additional information at the link provided will allow your cellular phone, email and/or TDD to be notified as well. The information provided will not be used for any purpose other than community announcements. <https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=12481>



**Central Square at the fair:** At this year's county fair, Village Historian, Heather Stevens created a display in the Heritage Building. Jill Ladd also assisted in "manning" the booth. This was a first for Central Square! The booth focused on the beauty of Hillside Cemetery and the people stories of some of the people buried there. In addition, she entered 5 photos from around the village in the 2017 Oswego County Historians' Photo Contest. The photo, "Taking Time to Smell the Flowers" took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Arts/Events

category, "Beech at Hillside" took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Monuments category and "The Boy Scout" took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Patriotic category. She and her guest attended the reception honoring the winners at the Legislative Chambers in Oswego recently.

### **From the Code Office:**

**New Law:** Selling your home? If so, please contact the village office 315-668- 2558 for a certificate of compliance in regard to your properties sump pump. In part, according to local Law 1-2017, Chapter 193, filed 3-8-2017, Section 193-21(B) Inspection of sump pump and footing drains upon transfers of property. 193-21(B)(1) No person shall transfer title to another person nor accept from any person the transfer of title to any structure or parcel of land upon which a structure is located unless and until the Official

Department of Public Works Superintendent or other authorized agent of the village shall have inspected the sump pump system, footing drains and downspouts on the structure or parcel of land and issued a certificate of compliance stating that the same are not connected to the public sewer.

**Open Burning:** Except as allowed by Chapter 164-4 of the local code (available on our website), no person shall burn, cause, suffer, allow or permit the burning of any material in an open fire. Please see Code officer or visit the village website...codes...and view our online code. For Burning that is allowed, it may require a permit. Please check with the code office at 668-2558.

**Check the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.** NYS Fire Code requires all existing residential dwellings to have a smoke alarm in and outside the bedrooms and a carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of the sleeping areas. Recent code enforcement inspections on dwelling



properties has noted a lack of smoke alarms in bedrooms along with not having a CO monitoring device outside the sleeping areas.

**MS-4 Minute:**

**Fill:** Definition: Any soil, dirt, earth product, excavated material or other material commonly known as "fill." It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or permit the deposit of imported fill on a lot, without first having obtained a permit, from the Code Enforcement Officer.



**Columbarium:** Columbarium niches are for sale: Top/Tier 1 & 2 are \$1800 per niche, Tier 3 is \$1500 per niche and the Bottom/Tier 4 is \$1000 per niche. \* Maximum of two sets of remains per niche as space allows. \*No co-mingling of remains is allowed within an urn, and each interment is considered a separate burial. \*No partial niche purchases. \*Niche fees shall be paid in full prior to niche assignment.

\*No individual memorialization on Cemetery owned Columbarium or units. Nothing should be placed on top of unit or affixed anyplace thereon, including niche doors. \*Inscription will consist only of name (first, middle initial and last), date of birth (year only) and date of death (year only) and will be done in a uniform font. \* Containers may be of a rustproof metal alloy (such as brass or bronze), ceramic, or of a nonbiodegradable hard plastic. Glass or other easily broken containers are not permitted, nor are containers of metals that will rust. \* If you are a current lot owner and are interested in a niche, you can sell your lot (s) back to the village and pay the difference for a niche. Please contact our office for more information. \*\*If interested in purchasing a niche please contact the cemetery commissioner (Bruce) at 668-2558 for more info, pricing, fees (opening, closing, holidays) etc.



**70th Annual Lighting of the Tree** We would like to invite you to this year's tree lighting on Sunday December 3, 2017. It will be held at Goettel Park from 5-6:30pm. Christmas carols will be led by local scout groups. Our special guest, Santa, will be there to hear the wishes of our children. There will also be cocoa, cookies and other activities for the family to enjoy.

**Central Square Lodge No. 622 F&AM 1867-2017:**

The Central Square Lodge was first chartered in 1826 as Lodge No. 479. In 1867 a new charter was issued and has since been Central Square Lodge No. 622. The present Lodge was built in 1924 and dedicated in 1925. Presiding over the New Lodge was Worshipful Master George Traub Sr. ~~~Taken in part from Anniversary Program written by R. W. Leon A. Bulriss, Lodge Historian



**Halloween safety:** Please only allow your children to trick or treat at homes with their porch/outside lights on. Trick or Treat with an adult and take a flashlight. Never enter someone's home. Check your children's candy before they eat it, be sure their costume is safe and be careful of candles.



**Dates to Know (subject to change):**

**Monday October 9, 2017:** Village office closed for Holiday-NO Village Board Meeting (see 10/10).

**Tuesday October 10, 2017:** Due to Holiday, October 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. 3125 East Ave.

**Sunday October 15, 2017:** Central Square Museum Open 1-3 at Village Office location.

**Saturday October 21, 2017:** Ham Dinner 4-7pm at the Central Square Community Church

**Saturday October 28, 2017:** Fall Craft Festival at Central Square Community Church 9am-3pm.

**Saturday October 28, 2017:** Trunk or Treat 4-6pm at First Baptist Church

**Tuesday October 31, 2017:** Free Community Lunch 11:30-1 at the First Baptist Church.

**Friday November 3 & Saturday November 4, 2017:** PVM Drama Productions 7pm. Treasure Island

**Friday November 3, 2017:** Bunco 7-9pm Central Square Community Church.

**Sunday November 5, 2017:** Daylight Saving Time Ends.

**Sunday November 5, 2017:** Winter Warm-up Concert 1-3pm at the First Universalist Church.

**Monday November 6, 2017:** Women's Day of Prayer 6:30-7:30 pm First Baptist Church

**Friday November 10, 2017:** Village office closed for Holiday.

**Saturday November 11, 2017:** Veterans Day Ceremony at 11am Veterans Memorial Park.

**Sunday November 19, 2017:** Central Square Museum Open 1-3 at Village Office location.

**Thursday November 23, 2017:** Village office closed for Holiday.

**Tuesday November 28, 2017:** Free Community Lunch 11:30-1 at the First Baptist Church.

**Sunday December 3, 2017:** 10am-noon Family Holiday Crafts at First Baptist Church

**Sunday December 3, 2017:** 70<sup>th</sup> Tree Lighting 5pm Goettel Park.

**Sunday December 10, 2017:** Central Square Museum Open 1-3 at Village Office location.

**Monday December 25, 2017:** Village office closed for Holiday.

