



Village Connection

Village of Central Square October- December 2013

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Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors,

Throughout the summer the village has been working diligently to improve our streets, drainage, sidewalks and parks. This ongoing pursuit of improvement carries us into autumn.

This year, our village has seen an increase in participation in the numerous activities that occurred. Our neighborhood watch, a variety of community groups and our educational/recreation programs have all contributed to the success of our community.

Our Department of Public Works (DPW) employees have worked tirelessly making repairs and maintaining the village streets. They have taken necessary and measured steps implementing repairs to make our wastewater treatment facility more efficient and an example for other municipalities to follow. In addition, as the temperatures drop, the DPW crew is preparing for the Fall leaf and brush pick up.

At the same time, we are working with the town, the county and other groups, such as local scout groups by establishing a connective trail around the village. This trail will exhibit the beauty and variety of our parks within the village, while at the same time connect to the state trails that pass through. The trail will take pedestrians through wetlands, hardwood forests, cemetery, memorial park and athletic fields. We want to promote a healthy and active lifestyle and showcase some of our village green spaces. We are hoping to have the first section complete by the spring of 2014.

It is our hope that residents of Central Square share the enthusiasm for our village and continue to improve upon the overall appearance and sustain the energy our residents have generated. As the year comes to an end and enters the holiday season, we encourage you to participate in the numerous seasonal events. Volunteers are welcome to join. Central Square is a great place to live, work and play. There is something here for everyone! Sincerely, Kenneth Sherman-Mayor Central Square



Leaf and Brush Pick up

The Village of Central Square will pick up leaves and brush from Oct. 21-first snow accumulation. In order 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.





66th Annual Lighting of the Tree

Dedicated in memory of Chris Keys

We would like to invite you to this year's tree lighting on Sunday December 1, 2013. 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. Chris Keys was a friend, mentor, coach, husband and father. He went to heaven February 19, 2013. We honored to dedicate this year's ceremony in his memory.



Crossroads Park and Nature Preserve

This 31.5 acre park was dedicated on April 26, 2013. Since then there has been a lot of activity. This is one of the parks in the village that we are hoping to join soon with the Corduroy Trail system.



(Left to right) Boy Scout Nic and Ben Stevens from Central Square Boy Scout troop and Matthew Stevens of Hastings Cub Scout Pack 711 paint the fence sections. Life Scout Justin Bilello of Caughdenoy Troop 709 built an observation deck for his Eagle Project. Katelyn Crobar of Girl Scout Troop 11013 built a trail leading to the observation deck for her Gold Award Project.

Central Square Community Historical Society & Museum

In 2006 the Central Square history project was begun. In October 2012 the museum space was created in the upstairs of the village offices. In May 2013 the paperwork was begun to obtain the charter for the historical society. On September 17, 2013 NY State approved the provisional charter for the society! Upcoming discussions are: October 20-Caughdenoy Rd, November 17- Hillside Cemetery and December 15- Holiday Traditions. 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 or 676-2682. The society also has postcards and other items for sale as well.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch of Central Square and Hastings is an organization made up of neighbors, dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Village hall at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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. Thank you for your help.



9-11 Remembrance

Once again this year the village held a ceremony to not only remember the victims of 9/11 but to honor the local men and women who volunteer in our area and serve in the military. Mr. Bill Hansen on behalf of the Patriot Run committee presented donations to the 10th Mt. Division, Central Square Fire Company, Central Square Lions Club, SOVAC and Central Square Boy Scout troop 734. Deputy Mayor Heather Stevens presented certificates to the

following scouts for their projects and volunteerism in the village; Jake Drabot-Troop 734 Central Square, Boy Scout Duncan Kristensen- Troop 734 Central Square, Justin Bilello-Troop 709 Caughdenoy and Girl Scout Kaitlyn Crobar- Troop 11013 Central Square.

Central Square Receives Tree Grant

This past spring Central Square applied for and received a \$1000 grant made available through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as part of an Urban and Community Forestry funding program. The grant was realized through the combined efforts of village board members, Project Bloom and Tug Hill grant writer Jennifer Harvill. Educational assistance was provided by Forrester, Matt Swayze of NYSDEC.



With this grant the village was able to purchase 6 new trees that have been planted in both Goettel Community Park and Hillside Memorial Cemetery and Park. Two Katsura Trees were planted in Goettel Park. They were chosen for their impressive fall foliage and cotton candy aroma. The remaining trees were planted throughout Hillside Memorial Cemetery and Park and include Two Autumn Flame Maples, selected for their fall color, abundant shade and adaptability, one Scarlet Oak selected for its regal stature and impressive color, its acorns being a valuable food source for wild animals. Lastly we planted a Paperbark Maple chosen for its four season interest and pronounced papery bark. All trees have been selected for hardiness, disease resistance and with soil and drainage considerations.

If you have questions about the trees in our parks or would like to know how you can contribute please contact the village office at 668-2558.

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 facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MyHometownVOCS>

EEE & West Nile

Once again this year the Village of Central Square was publicized with positive test pools and spraying in Oswego County. However, this year like last year, there were not any positive test pools in the village. This is contrary to media reports and at times even the health department website. We understand people feel anxious when they hear these reports and want the town or village to spray. However, there is a procedure in place. There is funding at the county level for spraying. They test and monitor the pools. When there is a positive test they contact our Town Supervisor and Village Mayor. When the counts get to the point where spraying is necessary, the county puts the spraying plan in to effect. It is not the village that does this. Our Mayor is kept up to date, as well as the board as to the counts. When it is deemed necessary to spray the county will release it to the media. If spraying effects the village, we also post it on our website. Many times Central Square is falsely given as the positive pools. Past experience has shown that when we are mentioned it is usually near the village or in the Toad Harbor area. Still the best defense is to take precautions such as try to stay indoors after dusk, use insect repellent etc. If spraying is deemed necessary there are other precautions residents should take.



Although a person's chances of experiencing any health effects from mosquito spraying are quite low, it is wise to take the following steps to reduce exposures to insecticides during spraying:

- *Remain indoors when pesticides are sprayed in your immediate area.
- *Keep children inside during spraying and for at least one hour after spraying ends.
- *Close windows and doors before spraying begins.
- *Window-unit air conditioners should be turned off or set to "recirculate" mode so outside air does not come into the house during the spraying. Leave them off for at least one hour after spraying ends, or continue to operate on the recirculate setting for an hour.
- *If you must remain outside during spraying, avoid getting spray in your eyes or on your skin.
- *If you get insecticide in your eyes, immediately rinse them with water.
- *Wash exposed skin surfaces with soap and water if you come in contact with the insecticide.
- *Wash homegrown fruits and vegetables thoroughly before cooking or eating.
- *Cover outdoor tables and play equipment before the spraying begins, or wash them with soap and water after they have been sprayed.
- *Bring laundry and toys inside before spraying begins. (Wash these items with soap and water if exposed to insecticide during spraying.)
- *Before spraying, bring pets, pet food and water bowls inside and cover ornamental fishponds to avoid direct exposure to the spray.
- *Consult your doctor if you think you are experiencing health effects from the spraying. People who suffer from chemical sensitivities or feel spraying may aggravate a preexisting health condition may consult their physician or local health department.

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.

