

Village Connection

Village of Central Square July-August-September-2014

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Mayor's Message

Summer has finally arrived in Central Square. I encourage our residents to get out and enjoy our village. Perhaps you can attend one of the concerts at Goettel Park and listen to some of CNY's favorite musicians. I would like to invite you to join us for the fourth annual Patriot Run held on July 5th at the high school. Show your community support and come out and see some of our local streets filled with runners and walkers. Another great spot to check out and maybe enjoy a picnic is at Crossroads Park.

Please take notice of improvements taking place around the village. Paving repairs will take place along Drybridge, Hickory Way and Kelly Drive during the months of July/ August. Also, numerous drainage improvements will be happening at various locations throughout the village.

Finally, I would like to thank residents and Project Bloom for materials and time donated to the new columns, sign, plants and trees planted at Pleasant Ave and Route 11. It will become one of our newest landmarks. Sincerely, Kenneth Sherman-Mayor



Acres For Sale

This 18.46 lot is owned by the Village of Central Square and has been deemed excess property. It is assessed at \$49,400. The new asking price is \$19,900. The address of this lot is County Route 12, but also has entry from Aqua Way. Aqua Way is where the access to the property is as well as power lines and hook in for sewer. Taxes are \$1850 and MLS Number is S302110. Part of the property is wetland. If interested please contact Renee Kennedy at 796-3658 Realty USA.com for more information.



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

Wanted: Person to clean offices

The Village of Central Square is seeking applications for a person to clean the offices M-F for a maximum of two hours a day/morning. Applications should be received no later than July 21, 2014 to receive consideration. Applications should be submitted to Village Clerk PO Box 509 Central Square, NY 13036 or dropped off during business hours. The Village of Central Square is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Opening: ZBA Member

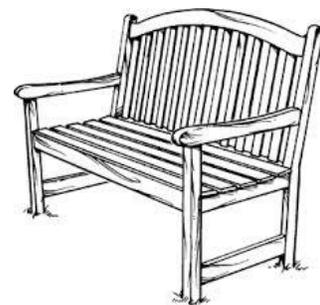
The ZBA for the Village of Central Square meets on an as needed basis at the Village Offices. The Mayor appoints the five member commission with the advice and consent of the trustees. The ZBA hears cases in which there is a disagreement with the Village's interpretation of the Building Codes and they 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.



Central Square Community Historical Society & Museum

Upcoming discussions: July 20-Bandstands, August 31-Footpaths, Corduroy and Plank Roads and September 21-Mayors of Central Square. In addition to the topic talks we share new acquisitions, have open discussions and sharing and museum viewing. Discussions/museum is open 1-3 on 7/20, 8/31 and 9/21. 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 is still accepting memberships, show your support and join today☺ The society also has postcards and other items for sale as well.

Memorial Tree and Bench Program: The Village of Central Square Memorial Program allows residents the chance to commemorate a birth, honor a friend or remember a loved one. The fee for a memorial tree is \$275.00 and \$500.00 for a park bench. The 4x6 dedication plaque is included in the fee. 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.



House Numbers

New York State building code requires residents to provide emergency vehicles with house numbers that are at least 4 inches on the front of every residence. Numbers shall contrast their back ground. Again this could save time in case of an emergency.

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 quarterly. The next meeting will be Tuesday September 9, 2014 at the Village Hall at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



From the Code office:

Garage and Lawn Sale Signs section 250-18: The Village of Central Square has local laws that cover how and what signs can be displayed in the village. One type of sign that becomes a problem this time of year are garage and lawn sale or similar signs. According to Village Code: No sign shall be permitted on any monument in the village. No sign shall exceed four square feet in area. Garage, lawn sale and similar signs may be erected one day in advance of the sale and must be removed within one day of the end of the sale, or within five days of erection, whichever is sooner. Let's keep our community looking nice, please follow these simple guidelines and be sure to check out our website for other regulations.

Lawn Maintenance Chapter 178: Grass shall not be allowed to grow in excess of six inches.

Dogs section 64-10: It is unlawful to permit or allow a dog to engage in habitual howling, barking, crying or whining or to conduct itself in such a manner so as to unreasonably and habitually annoy another person. It is unlawful to permit or allow a dog to damage or cause nuisance by defecating or urinating upon premises of a person other than owner. For more information regarding this read chapter 64 of the code found online at our website.

Sheds, pools and adding topsoil/dirt to lawn: Before building or replacing a shed please contact our code office regarding regulations and permits. This also goes to pool installation including the easy set, metal frame kits, quick set and other pools which can be purchased from local retailers. Several of these have state regulation including the fact that they need fencing. Please call first to find out what you need!



Section 178-16: It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or permit the deposit of fill (soil, dirt, earth product, excavated material or other material commonly known as "fill") on a lot, without first having obtained a permit.

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.

Brush and Leaves: Brush and leaf pick up ended in May and will not resume until fall (Dates TBD). If you have brush and leaves it can be taken to the Town of Hastings Transfer Center. If you hire someone to trim or remove trees (at any time), it is their/your responsibility to remove debris from your property.

Election Results: We had a great voter turnout at the June election. Heather Stevens and Kim Perry were re-elected for another two year term as Village Trustees. Thank you to everyone who came out and exercised their right to vote!



Project Bloom: Project Bloom is a non-profit volunteer group who plants and maintains the planters, monuments and benches around the village. If you can help weed, deadhead or water or remove suckers from trees either as a one time or ongoing effort please contact Heather at dstevens@incpark.com or 676-2682.

Summer Concerts in the Park, sponsored by Project Bloom

7/9/14 6:30 Dan Elliot and the Monterays sponsored by the Village of Central Square.

7/16/14 6:30 New York Old Thyme Fiddlers Tyme Fiddlers

7/23/14 6:30 Matt Chase and Thunder Canyon

7/30/14 6:30 Joe Whiting sponsored by Pathfinder Bank

8/6/14 6:00 Funkadelphia

8/13/14 6:00 Isreal Hagan & Stroke sponsored by Fulton Savings Bank

8/20/14 6:00 The McCarthy Family

8/27/14 6:00 Smokin'



Come out and enjoy Goettel Park for free concerts. Also support Central Square Boy Scout Troop 734 who will be selling refreshments, Lions Club who sell snacks and hot dogs and Girl Scout Troop 11013 who will be face painting.



EEE & West Nile

Reminder as spring approaches: 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 there are positive test: 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. 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.



Save Saturday July 5, 2014: The Fourth Annual Patriot Run will take place at the P. V. Moore High School stadium. Once again, a portion of the proceeds will be used to support our adopted Fort Drum Soldiers, and also will be used to assist local groups in our community to continue their charitable works. Come out in your Red, White and Blue and cheer on the runners along the route!! For more info visit <http://thepatriotrun.org/>

Welcome Alison Woods: We would like to welcome Mrs. Woods as the new Planning and Zoning Board secretary for the Village of Central Square☺

Tree Donations: The Village would like to once again thank the Central Square Fulton Savings Bank for their recent donation for Arbor Day of 50 Hemlock trees that were planted at Crossroads Park. The Weaver, Marko and Keys Family donated/dedicated a combined total of 7 Cleveland Pear Trees at the Veterans Park. Mrs. Kay Buschle gave a donation that provided Hillside cemetery with 16 lilacs and 30 other trees. We are very grateful for your generosity.





MS-4 Public Education & Outreach

Storm water Pollution: What is Storm water Runoff?

Storm water runoff is rain water or snowmelt that doesn't soak into the ground. Instead, it flows across the land surface, absorbing pollutants along the way before entering lakes and streams. As it travels across impervious surfaces, storm water carries trash and pollutants such as sediment, nutrients, pesticides, oil, and gasoline to local lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands.

This untreated waste makes water unsafe for drinking and water-based recreation. People and animals may become sick from drinking the water or from eating the fish from contaminated lakes and streams. Storm water runoff also

contributes to flooding and can lead to expensive repairs for municipalities and homeowners.

Home and Yard Care

You can reduce the amount of storm water runoff from your property by taking simple actions to keep storm water on site. Divert roof water to a rain barrel with an attached soaker hose. Use it to water plants in the early morning or late afternoon in order to minimize evaporation and make every drop count.

Plant a rain garden or simply increase the amount of vegetation around your home to promote soil infiltration. Conserve water by sweeping sidewalks and driveways rather than using a hose.

Never dump trash into street gutters or storm drains because they transmit water directly to nearby lakes and streams. Be sure to remove leaves from rain gutters to avoid water overflow and erosion problems. If you have plans to replace paved surfaces such as driveways and patios, consider using porous material such as small blocks, porous paving asphalt, cobbles or gravel, wooden decking, brick, paving stones, mulch, grass or other natural ground covers. Using these materials will reduce the volume of runoff by allowing water to slowly infiltrate through the soil.

Be sure to clean up after your pet. Scooping your dog's waste isn't just a courtesy—it also helps to protect water resources. Pet waste left on the ground gets carried away by storm water runoff when it rains. This can add bacteria, parasites and viruses to local lakes and streams. Bacteria and other pathogens from septic systems or pet waste can create unhealthy conditions for people and animals and can cause beach closures.

The Benefits of Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are used to collect and store rainwater that flows off of roofs. They are useful in reducing the amount of storm water runoff from individual properties and the water can be used to irrigate flower gardens, trees, or lawns. Roof water may contain contaminants, so the rain barrel water should be used on non-edible plants such as landscape flowers and bushes, but not for vegetables.



Car Maintenance

Keep your car engine well-tuned to prevent fuel and oil leaks from seeping into the ground or entering storm drains during a rain event. Fill your tank slowly and don't "top off" or overflow the tank. Store oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive products in tightly sealed containers in order to avoid spills and leaks and never put gasoline, oil, gardening products, pesticides and other household waste down the storm drains. If you need to wash your vehicle, use a commercial car wash or wash it on a lawn to avoid having the water drain directly into the storm sewer.