



Village Connection

Village of Central Square January-March 2016

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Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With all the uncertainties in the world today, we need to look close at our community of Central Square. Although we lack size and a large selection of amenities, we make up for it with our abundance of natural resources, the four seasons, great schools and safe neighborhoods. It is a place where you can raise a family and get to know your neighbors. We are here to continue to bring to you quality village programs and deliver to you good services. These are the comforts of living in a small village.

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the 68th annual Christmas Tree lighting. It was one of the largest holiday gatherings ever. It was mild weather that brought out many to sing, enjoy the lights and to see Santa Claus.

As with each winter, it is time for seasonal reminders. Please assist our DPW and snow plow crews by keeping all sidewalks clear for our citizens and school children. When snow blowing or plowing your driveways and/ or sidewalks, please remember to keep the snowbanks back from the road and never place snow in the road. Also, please assist our local fire department keeping fire hydrants clear.

In addition, keep watch of your neighbors and homes. The safety and well-being of all our citizens is a priority. Notify the police of anything unusual around neighbor's homes or throughout our village streets.

After the first of the year it is also a good time to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Happy New Year and warm wishes. Enjoy the winter!

Sincerely yours, Mayor Kenneth Sherman

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.



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>





Hyper-Reach Emergency Notifications Oswego County residents who would like to receive emergency notifications through their wireless phones are reminded to sign up for the Hyper-Reach Broadcast Notification Service through Oswego County’s E 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department. E 9-1-1 uses Hyper-Reach, which is capable of sending a message to targeted households at a rate of 10,000 telephone numbers per

hour, to notify residents of community alerts and local emergencies. Landline phone customers don’t need to register because their numbers are provided by the telephone companies that serve Oswego County.

“We have used Hyper-Reach for several years to notify residents in targeted areas,” said Michael Allen, E 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department director. “The system has been utilized to notify the public to evacuate during hazardous materials incidents and police standoff situations. Most recently, the system was instrumental in locating a missing 2-year-old child. The system is also used for general notifications such as during aerial spraying for mosquitoes, and other instances when large numbers of the population need to be notified or evacuated.”

Residents who would like to receive community alerts by wireless phones, text messages and TTY may register for Hyper-Reach notification on the Oswego County website at <https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=12481>, or they may contact the E 9-1-1 administrative office at 349-8215 or 1-800-679-3911 and request a registration form. Link is on right side of oswegocounty.com webpage.

If no one is home, the Hyper-Reach system will leave a message on an answering machine. If the telephone number is busy, or there is no answer, the system will make repeated attempts to reach the telephone number. Information provided when registering for Hyper-Reach will not be used for any purpose other than community announcements.

The Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force This Task Force was established in February 2015 as a partnership of the Oswego County Legislature and all nine Oswego County school districts with support from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation. The mission of the Task Force when established was “to improve health and reduce poverty in Oswego County.” The draft plan and recommendations were presented on December 8, 2015. To view the plan go to <http://oswegocounty.com/edp%20action%20plan.pdf> “Oswego County has the second highest unemployment rate in New York State, only the Bronx is worse.” Chairman Reehil shared. “We are also last or near last place in many health related categories, childhood obesity for example, and the trends are not getting better. Our report confronts many of these issues head-on and will help us apply the brakes to negative trends.” He also said, “However, rather than being discouraged by the scope of the problems we faced, we divided them into categories and tackled them as teams focused in five areas: economic development; social services collaborations; community development; youth and schools; and fixing broken policies.”



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.



Central NY Raceway Park Although this is located outside of the village...in the Town of Hastings, it will likely have a lot of impact on our community. Here are the latest updates and how you can stay informed in regards to this project. Construction update 11/22/15: Cut and Fill nearly Complete, footers for grandstand are going into place. <http://www.centralnyracewaypark.com/> Dec 13 Ground work is about complete and ready for concrete. From their

facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CNYRP/>

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 dates: **January 17**-No History talk, museum open but designated work day. **February 21**- No History talk, museum open but designated work day. **March 20**- Tentative topic-Lows Building and Family. Watch the facebook page or check calendar at village website for more info and dates as they are planned. The museum is open during Sunday History talks at village office or by appointment. 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. Memberships are only \$10 a year for an individual or \$15 a year for families.



Oswego County Bicentennial: 2016 marks the Bicentennial of Oswego County. There will be special events throughout the county in 2016. Watch the Village facebook page for updates. Also please note that this year’s Oswego County Fair will be August 10-14, 2016 at Sandy Creek (in the past has been in July).

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/Cemetery bench (we have about 8 available in Hillside Cemetery & Memorial Park). 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.





Columbarium: We are happy to announce the columbarium has been installed and the 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 anywhere 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 non-biodegradable 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.

Cemetery Committee Opening: We are looking for 1-2 new members for this committee. Generally, we meet one day in January, April and September or as needed from 11- noon during the week. If interested, please contact the village office or Mayor.

Dates to know

Monday Evenings 5-7pm First Universalist Church Open Sanctuary.

January 5 & 12, 2016: Free Healthy Living Class at Central Square Medical Center

January 21, 2016: Trivia Challenge at Library 6:30pm

**Village of Central Square Board meetings are generally the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm at the Village Municipal Offices. Be involved, attend a meeting!

**Planning Board Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm at the municipal offices.

Downstairs Scotty & Food Pantry at Divine Mercy: Scotty is open Tuesday 9am-3 and Friday 9am-1. Pantry is open Tuesday & Friday 9am-3pm and 1st Thursday of the month 5-7pm. Please bring proof of Oswego County residency.

Pre-school Story Hour at C. Sq. Library: Wednesday 10-11am. Please call Library for more info.

USDA Workshop: Tuesday January 19, 2016 at Lura M. Sharp Elementary School, 2 Hinman Road in Pulaski from 5:30pm-8pm. A representative will be on hand from the USDA to help people learn about available housing programs in Oswego County. The 502 program offers fixed rate interest rates, loans and grants to qualifying homeowners to make improvements and/or accessibility modifications to homes. The 504 program offers the same to those who qualify for repairs, improvements and/or other accessibility modifications. Questions? Contact Christopher.Stewart@usda.gov or visit www.rd.usda.gov/NY