

Conversation with the Mayor - April 16, 2012  
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### **Add These to Your Calendar**

Two remarkable events are about to occur in Palmyra and I hope that you will be able to be part of both. The opportunities won't come 'round again. The happenings could not be more dissimilar, but both are unique and well worth your time.

On Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:30 AM, Palmyra's Erie Canal Pirates will welcome fellow mariners Richard Harpham and Glenn Charles at the lock in Aqueduct Park as they pause in the village on their Erie Canal-long kayak adventure. Between them, Richard and Glenn have covered 17,500 human powered miles by kayak, canoe and bicycle, meeting and interviewing people as they go. It is the NYS Spare Seat Kayak Expedition, [www.thespareseat](http://www.thespareseat.com), that brings them to Wayne County and Palmyra. Following a tour of the Aldrich Change Bridge, our kayaking guests will proceed to the Port of Palmyra Marina for a brown bag lunch and conversation at the pavilion. If you are interested in the lunch, please pre-order (and pre-pay) at Muddy Waters by calling (315) 502 -4197. If you, yourself, are a kayaker, join Richard and Glenn as they paddle east to Newark and Lyons, their destination for the day. Cameras are welcome.

Just more than two weeks later on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, a major community-wide fundraiser will occur at Lock 29, 222 East Main Street, Palmyra. The goal is to kick start a major initiative, a coast to coast bicycle trip and to finance the making of a documentary on Huntington's Disease - what it is, how it impacts people and the research being done. Cyclists Adam Austin and his nephew Matt, son of Andy Austin, will make the trip. It was Matt's diagnosis, at 21, of Huntington's that prompted this effort. The trip will start in Palmyra because it was home to Matt's father and paternal grandparents, Anita and Fran Austin. From Palmyra they head west.

Current plans for the day, which starts at noon at Lock 29, include music by a variety of local musicians; a chicken BBQ; 50/50 raffles; silent auctions, and children's events. It is quite likely that more may be added, but for right now, put May 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come be part of a day that will be fun and unquestionably worthwhile. See you there.

News updates: I hope by the time you read this the free wi-fi will be up. As with absolutely every project, there are minor glitches but it will be up. There will be a sign board in front of the Village Hall and at the marina when that's the case.

Also, the bandstand in the Village Park is currently closed to all but village sponsored events. Some maintenance work will need to be done and a reduction in its use, for now, is in order.