

Conversation with the Mayor – August 3, 2009

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Watching the Summer Fly By

The summer is really passing at an incredible rate. Our 4th of July celebration is behind as is the Hill Cumorah Pageant and the Erie Canal Bike Tour which brings 400 or more cyclists into the village each year. You should know that Village Trustee Ken Bradstreet and Jamie Hemmings, representing Palmyra Pathways, met with the cyclists at Nazareth College at 6:30 AM on July 14th to promote Palmyra, our businesses, museums, and cycling trails, and then spent time at the bikers' water stop in the Village Park answering questions and giving directions. The water stop was manned once more this year by the Pal-Mac Kiwanis Club.

I am writing this as we put the final touches of Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend and prepare for the Great Wayne County Fair. There have been music and movies in the park. The Farmers' Market in its new Tuesday afternoon slot continues to operate. The museums of Historic Palmyra entertain and educate our visitors and local folks. Despite the, at best, interesting weather, it is being a great summer.

The Daly's managed to do some travelling last month. We got together as a family, slept late, played silly board games, enjoyed new vistas, talked and laughed a lot and just generally had a good time. Still, all the new places - big and small - were stacked up against Palmyra. And we came out just fine. That is not to say that there were not some very good things being done elsewhere, things we might try here, but, overall, Palmyra is, in many, many respects, way ahead of the game, building on our assets and looking to extend and increase them. I really do try to be objective and unbiased, but as Dorothy said 'There is no place like home.' To all the people in Palmyra who make this a pretty, friendly, interesting place for our visitors and those of us lucky enough to live here, thank you.

Vacations have to end and then it is back to work. There is much going on beyond the recreational activities scheduled for the balance of the summer and into the fall. Work continues on Hyde Parkway. We are waiting for final word from the DOT on the Canandaigua Street reconstruction plans. A decision must be made on the state level as to the official traffic detour for Canandaigua Street/ NYS Route 21. Decisions also must be made on the restroom complex at the marina. New village entry signs are being made. Planning and information gathering for possible future projects is happening in both the water department and the ambulance service. Realistic, thoughtful decisions cannot be made until all possibilities are considered and evaluated. In some respects, these are the most difficult tasks of all, but that has to be the process if we are to do the best possible for Palmyra and its people.

You have probably noticed that there is once more a business located behind the flagpole on the corner of Fayette and East Main. Stop in to welcome owner Donald Pearce's Affordable Home Improvements. The office, which he and his crew remodeled, is an example of the quality work they do. You will be impressed. At the other end of Main Street, Marcia

Marsille, owner of the Village Bookmarket believes that 'Palmyra rocks!' and has the Palmyra rocks available to prove it. Hand finished, one-of-a-kind – you have to have one.

A final note: Because of Labor Day, the Village Board will meet on the second Monday of the month on September 14th instead of our traditional first Monday. The regular schedule will resume with the September 21st meeting.