

Conversation with the Mayor December 17, 2007

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We Begin a New Year

Its almost January and the beginning of another year and, more likely than not, a resolve to do all the things we meant to do in 2007 and, for whatever reason, did not. If everyone dieted, used their time more productively, exercised, read serious books, gave up smoking, gave more to charity and did volunteer work, wed all be wearing halos. Realistically, any progress we make in any of these areas is great and to be commended.

The new year also brings regularly scheduled tasks to us as individuals and to the Village Office. The big one is budget, on both levels. You know whats happening to your personal expenses. The same is true on the Village level. On January 15, we will have the first of six meetings, all open to the public, to put the 2008-2009 budget together. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 Sexton Building
Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 Sexton Building
Monday, February 4, 6:30 Village Hall
Monday, February 18, 6:30 Village Hall
Monday, March 3, 6:30 Village Hall
Public Hearing: Monday, March 17, 6:30 Village Hall

A reminder: an open meeting means that the public is entitled to come and listen. Questions may be entertained at the discretion of the mayor. These are work sessions in which we examine all village expenses, department by department and, line by line, making what are often very hard decisions. Always in our mindset is the awareness that we are using our collective, rather than our personal, money. The Monday sessions precede the regular Village Board meeting scheduled for that evening.

A thought for the winter, post-holiday doldrums - get involved. There are many ways to do that and I suggest you do so locally. There are many needs right here - the churches, the schools, Meals on Wheels, and the village. We have a variety of interesting opportunities, all designed to make Palmyra an even better place to live, to work and to prosper. Keep it local, maximize the time you can share and minimize your driving. Happy New Year!