

Conversation with the Mayor - July 3, 2009
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In the Good Old Summertime

I would put money on the fact that you have heard, or may have said yourself, "There are just not enough weekends during the summer." or perhaps "The summer just goes too fast." No one would argue that point. There are literally multiple choices for going and doing every single weekend. Toss in graduations, graduation parties, bridal showers, weddings and family reunions and the summer becomes the busiest time of the year. Part of that, I believe, is due to the length and severity of our winters. We don't want to waste a minute of beautiful summer weather. The number of choices available is a problem, but of the nicest kind.

So, what to do? This quandary is reminiscent of decision making about going out to dinner – the familiar, dependable spot or a new one which you want to try. How about some of each? There are new things popping up within a reasonable 'staycation' distance and traditional events that just never made it to our personal calendars. Example: New: the Village of Macedon is advertising a family movie in Gravino Park on the 17th. I hope you enjoyed Palmyra's Music in the Park on the 10th and plan on Macedon's movie the 17th? That is two free family events within 5 miles of each other. Traditional: Geneva's Cruise Night on July 24th sounds like a hoot. Keep an eye out for our Erie Canal Pirates who will be there touting our own *Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend* August 7, 8, and 9. That Friday will feature a free showing of *The Goonies* in our park.

New: *Pirates Dinner Dance*, Saturday, July 18th, at the Palmyra Moose Club. Festivities start at 6:00 PM with a wine tasting and continue with a buffet dinner and music by FOG. Tickets are available at the Village Hall, \$25.00, and at the door, \$30.00. Check out www.eriecanalpirates.com for details in the dance and the whole weekend. Traditional – and historical - The museums of Historic Palmyra are open to inform and delight you. Don't think because you have toured before that you have 'done' the museums. New exhibits and new information from knowledgeable docents make regular visits a must. And don't forget the gift shop in the Alling Coverlet Museum. It is unique.

And very, very new is the kayak launch at the Port of Palmyra. As write this, the Village Buildings & Grounds and the Village and Town Highway crews are completing the creation of a traditional kayak launching site at the marina. This came up very, very fast as the water level in the canal was lowered for the recovery of the barge, it became evident that here was an opportunity to create something more easily and economically than could be done otherwise. We made lemonade out of lemons!