

Conversation with the Mayor - May 18, 2009

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A Written Bulletin Board

Bulletin boards are wonderful things to display wants, needs and offerings from one individual or organization to others. My bulletin boards always start out being neat but quickly become 'cozy' as artistic layout is trumped by increased content. Consider this week's conversation an attempt at sharing information, needs and opportunities.

The Wayne County Home Meals Service, aka Meals-on-Wheels delivered more than 43,000 meals to 320 individuals last year. There are currently about 250 volunteers, but more are needed and would be very welcome. There are 2 routes in Palmyra – Towpath which takes about 15 minutes tops and the Palmyra Town Route which requires an hour or slightly more. If you can spare that amount of time, even once a month, call 315-946-5623. You will find delivering meals a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Vendors wanted: Plans are well under way for *Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend 2009*. Canal, waterway related and decorated items are wanted. Demonstration of 19th century and earlier crafts would also be welcome. The rental of a 10 by 10 space is \$25.00 for commercial booths, refundable at the close of the weekend if you are a Palmyra resident. The fee is waived for nonprofits which are purely informational. If electricity is required an additional non-refundable \$10.00 fee is charged. If you are interested, stop in the Village Hall for an application.

Speaking of Pirates, check out www.piratesoftheeriescanal.com for entry forms for window painting, kids only this year, and for the bed race. Official Palmyra Pirate kazoos are available in the office and at upcoming village events for last year's price, \$2.00. Watch for a listing of the music to be played by the Official Pirates Kazoo Band so you will be ready to be part of the band on August 8th. Auditions are not required. Everyone is welcome.

One last thought on Pirates Weekend, which actually starts on Saturday, July 18th with the Pirates Dinner Dance at the Moose Club. (The timing brings back memories of the much enjoyed Canal Town Dance.) The evening will feature a wine tasting presented by Ontario Winery; a buffet dinner, silent auction, and dancing to the music of FOG, a repeat favorite from past years and from Palmyra Canal Town Days. Tickets will be available shortly, \$25.00 advance sale, \$30.00 at the door. Mark July 18th on your calendar now and think Pirates.

Sometimes the weather and the village crews' schedules do not match and brush pick up, normally the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month, is delayed. The pick up is important but, on occasion, other tasks take precedence. You always have the option of taking clippings, leaves, etc, to the dump pile at the Town barns off Route 21 North. If you decide to do that, why not check with your neighbors to see if they have some to go, taking turns perhaps.

Enjoy this magnificent weather – walk the trail, bird watch, fish at the marina, picnic in the park. This is what we have been waiting for.