

## Conversation with the Mayor May 21, 2007

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### Time for a Laundry List

It may not appear that way, but I try to have this column have a theme, to be a unified whole. Every now and again, however, there is a real need for the Laundry List approach. There is just so much going on in so many areas and the only thing that ties them together is that all activities, investigations, and events relate to Palmyra. We are at that point right now, so here we go.

**The Canal:** Contracts have been signed with the NYS Canal Corporation for the bathroom complex, pavilion and parking lot south of the Port of Palmyra marina. That done, we can start looking for bids. Our plan is to do as much as we can in-house to keep costs down. More immediate are two events on the Canal. On June 12, Cornhill Navigation's *Sam Patch* will host "Explore Palmyra!". Contact Kathy McCally at 585-271-2705 for information or pick up a flyer in our Village or Town Hall.

On August 11 and 12, the Village of Palmyra hosts the *Lois McClure*, the 88 foot long replica of a canal schooner which will be docking at the Port of Palmyra Marina. Join us for *Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend* during her stay. The planning committee is working hard to make it a weekend of music, magic, food, fun and games to complement the free tours provided by the crew. There will literally be something for everyone.

**Skateboarding:** An exploratory committee, chaired by Trustee David Husk, is looking into the feasibility of a Skateboard Park in Palmyra. If you have an interest in this project, leave your name and phone number at the Village Hall, 597-4849.

**Protection of our Historic Assets:** By the time you read this Cynthia Howk, of the Landmark Society of Western New York, will have made her third visit this year to Palmyra. If you missed the meeting at the Village Hall on May 29, it is not too late to become involved in this effort. We have much to learn and much to do and everyone is welcome to learn and do with us. Again, if you have an interest, leave your name and number at the Village Hall, 597-4849.

**Possible grant:** With the assistance of Sharon Lilla, Director of Wayne County Planning, the Village is looking into a mitigation grant to improve our storm sewer system. This is a long and arduous process for a grant which may be available in late December. We are starting now because the required documentation takes months.

**Town Auction:** The best one yet. The brainchild of retired Highway Supt. Nelson Cook, the annual Auction has been a win-win for everyone. Current Supt. Mike Boesel provides the following numbers: 165 sellers; 1006 bidders who came from 19 counties in New York State plus the states of Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, Virginia, Texas and Minnesota. Gross sales amounted to \$3,695,000.00 and Wayne

County benefitted to the tune of \$43,486.00 in sales tax. Isn't that something!

Viet Nam Veteran Park: Stop down to admire the new monument honoring our Veterans from the Viet Nam era. The monument and the flags which surround it honor the men and women who served our country during that time. If you see Gene Woodard and Tom Ferguson whose idea this was, thank them. The project, brought from idea to reality by Gene, was done completely with private funding. Thank the Pal-Mac Lions Club also for taking responsibility for the annual replacement of the American, 5 service flags and the POW/MIA flag. The monument is a great addition to the marina - one more nice thing.

Palmyra Kings Daughters - This largest service club in Palmyra, more than 100 women strong, has been serving individuals and families of Palmyra and Macedon quietly and with no fanfare for 120 years! You are probably most familiar with the Loan Closet, but the organization responds to specific needs as they arise. An ongoing project is its support of the Palmyra-Macedon Pantry housed in Zion Episcopal. Curious about it? Give me a call and I'll tell you more. Once more, the number is 597-4849.

What's coming up? A calendar full of events: Historic Palmyra Museums open for the season, June 1; The annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life, June 1 -2; History Afloat - Explore Palmyra!, June 12; Historic Palmyra's Ice Cream Social, June 21; Erie Canal Bike Tour, July 10; NYS Geographic Association's ExpERIEnce in Palmyra, July 11; Hill Cumorah Pageant, July 13-14, 17-21; *Lois McClure*, August 11-12; Wayne County Fair, 13-18; Golden Olympics, September 8; CanalTown Days, September 15-16; Movie in the Park, September 21; Community Garage Sale, September 22. That takes us to fall when we will start another round of events. Who says there is nothing to do in Palmyra?