

## Conversation with the Mayor November 6, 2006

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### More About Business

On Thursday October 26, I had the good fortune to be able to address the Palmyra Town Board about business and tourism and how they work together. An invitation was offered and the Town Board has since accepted and as a result our Town and Village Boards will meet together in a workshop session to discuss Economic Development in Palmyra. Come be a part of this brainstorming session at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 11th at the Palmyra Fire Hall. I am pleased and excited about this prospect and the possibilities it may bring us in Palmyra. Working together we can do so much more than either of us working alone.

This past Sunday a lengthy article in the Business Section of the New York Times dealt with women and business. According to the article, women make the majority of household decisions as to where to shop and what to buy. Many large firms are holding all female focus groups during the planning stage for new products. That made me wonder: what businesses would the women of Palmyra like to see here? We are actively seeking new businesses and we would like your input on what they should be. Call the Village Hall, 597-4849, with your ideas on the matter. The invitation extends, of course, to our male residents. I will let you know what we hear.

On the subject of new businesses: If you have not been to the Dog Barkery, do go. It's a delight. If you have a dog, or can borrow one, bring your favorite canine in, on a leash, for a treat. The Barkery, at 236 West Main Street, is open Monday - Friday, 11 AM - 5 PM, and Saturdays, 10 AM - 5 PM. Geoff Barker's Bohemian Bistro, right across the street, is shaping up beautifully. A holiday opening is anticipated. I'll keep you informed. Word has it that a new antique shop will be opening in the Village shortly, maybe two.

New businesses are exciting and we want more of them (see above), but we also want them to grow, prosper and mature into old, established businesses in the community. Kavanagh's just celebrated its seventh anniversary in the community. I hope to still be buying books from Beth in its twenty-seventh year. We can all make that happen by patronizing our local stores. The holidays are coming. Gifts, decorations, holiday foods and beverages are all going to be on your shopping list in the next few weeks. Buy them here. Keep the money in the community. Keep our businesses in the Palmyra. When you do, everybody wins. The Economic Support Group will soon be announcing details for our annual "Canal Town Candlelight Christmas", December 1 - 3. Mark those dates on your calendar. This is a good way to take another look at all that is available to you in Palmyra and to take care of that holiday list.

Remember too, that it is Holiday Bazaar time. Plan on Historic Palmyra's annual bazaar on Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17. Check flyers for details. On Saturday, November 18th, Church Street is the place to be for the Joint Holiday Bazaar

sponsored by First United Methodist Church and St. Anne's Church. Park once and enjoy the homemade crafts and goodies at St. Anne's and then have lunch just across the street in the Methodist Hall. If you plan right, you can have lunch also at the Historic Palmyra Bazaar Thursday and Friday. That makes the outings even more special.