

Conversation with the Mayor July 21, 2008

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Happenings Between Meetings

As I have told you, the Village Board is not holding its usual second meeting of the month at the moment, but things have not slowed down. Many, many things are happening and will continue to happen. A bit too far off to be appearing on the Coming Events listings at this point, but definitely worth noting, is the event scheduled for Saturday, September 6th at the marina. At 3:00 PM on that day, we will break ground for the Information and Comfort Center. The project will include an enlargement, virtually doubling the existing parking lot and a picnic pavilion. All three pieces - comfort station, pavilion and parking lot - will make life better for folks living here and those who visit us on the trail and by boat. These improvements were made possible by the matching grants from the Erie Canal Greenway Grant Program which we were awarded by the NYS Canal Corporation. And, of course, had it not been for the vision held and the actions taken by Dan Wooden, Jim Elliott, and Peter Wilson we would not have a marina to enhance. We are all better for their foresight. It is interesting, too, to see all the canal, preservation and revitalization activity that is occurring - murals in Newark, Lyons and Clyde; the Hotchkiss Building in Lyons; Macedon's Main Street grant application. An energy has developed in our canal communities and it bodes well for all of us.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you a new face in the Village Hall. Rachel Dunn, a soon to be junior at SUNY Oswego, has been interning with us for the last several weeks. A Politics and Government major with a position in the US State Department as her goal, Rachel has been busy in virtually every aspect of the Village Office and the Mayor's Office, even in the Highway Department. Although she is aiming at a much higher level of government activity, I suspect her awareness of the every day, small town, nitty gritty with which we deal will keep her grounded once she is 'inside the beltway'. We appreciate the time, energy and talent she has provided to the community this summer and wish her well. We will miss her as a person and a colleague.

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I have been remiss in not mentioning two new (sort of) businesses in the Village. Both Custom Trophies, at 112 Cuyler Street, and Roots, at 347 West Main Street, have long ties to Palmyra, Village and Town. You have probably seen their work - the signs designating the Lions Club and Rotary Club trees at the marina by Custom Trophy, and the smartly coiffed ladies who patronize Roots. In either case, both Custom Trophies and Roots add value to the community. The best way you can show your appreciation for that is to patronize them. In the same category, of course, is Rapid Repeats which most of us still call Allens'. Nothing has changed except the name. The service remains as excellent as it has always been.

PS - Check out a really great, helpful new website, www.ptny.org/bikecanal . The 'ptny' stands for Parks & Trails New York which created this wonderful new, interactive website. It will impress you as much as it did me. You can plan your bike, or car, route to include places to stay, to shop, to eat, to be educated and entertained. You can even be an armchair traveler and learn about everything that is available in our own backyard.