

## Conversation with the Mayor September 15, 2008

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### It Might As Well Be Spring

This column isn't about weather, although with the variety of weather conditions we have been experiencing, it could be spring or winter or, over Canal Town Days, high summer. What made me think of Spring was all the new, pretty things happening on Main Street - Candy Corner's beautiful new sign, the wonderful paint jobs on one after another of the buildings on the north side. They in themselves create a spring palette. Across the street, two new shops with shiny newly painted facades, have opened -The Pottery Spot and a few doors down, Iron Quill tattoo parlor.

Even though one traditionally thinks of Spring as the time of new beginnings, they happen any time. This week, the Village learned we had been awarded two non-matching grants (the best kind), both of which will mean new beginnings which will benefit the people of Palmyra. The Safe Routes to School grant, on which we collaborated with the Pal-Mac School District, will see the repair and construction of sidewalks and a new curriculum that will encourage children to lead healthier life styles by walking or riding their bikes to school.

The second non-matching grant was awarded by the Preservation League of New York State and will enable the village to conduct a Cultural Resources Survey and for enlarging our Commercial Historic Districts and for the listing of the enlarged district on the National Register. The owners of both residential properties will be honored by a national listing and the owners of commercial properties may find access to grant funding for repair and rehabilitation of their properties. No restrictions are placed on the owners, but the possible benefit is great for individual property owners and the community as a whole.

A visit from Janet Zambito, Director of Human Resources at Paul T. Freund Corporation brought the possibility of new starts for qualified individuals looking for employment. Paul T. Freund Company, locally known as the box factory, produces an array of elegant boxes for firms whose names we all know - Brooks Brothers, Neiman Marcus, Godiva, Coach among them. The company is looking for new hires. If you are interested, stop in at 216 Park Drive and investigate. For local people it is a great commute.