

Conversation with the Mayor - October 21, 2010
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It is NOT time for the holidays!

At least two weeks ago, three by the time you read this, we made our periodic outing to Eastview Mall to get the items that I couldn't find locally. This, of course, was pre-Halloween, and I was startled by the lighted Christmas trees and decorations in several of the stores. This happens every year but I do believe that the pre-holiday season gets longer and longer and starts ever earlier. That simply doesn't work for me, perhaps in part because in our family we have October and November birthdays to celebrate first.

On the professional side, in our office there is entirely too much to do before time and attention can be directed to personal and village holiday planning. We know, for example, that we will coordinate with the Community Center for wagon rides followed by cider and donuts, but details aren't firm yet. (Remember this is being written before the Halloween Costume Parade at the Primary School.)

Among the topics taking our attention away from mistletoe and holly is the completion of the Canandaigua Street construction. If the weather is with us, that should be pretty much wrapped up before the holidays. We all want that to happen, especially the residents of Canandaigua Street who have borne the burden of the inconvenience and mess. Tying up loose ends in the ambulance situation also needs to happen. At the most recent Village Board meeting, the board took the steps necessary to make that happen. The 2001 and 2006 ambulances were declared surplus and a resolution was passed to work with Teitsworth Auctions, Geneseo, to have them listed in an online auction, November 3 – 10. The website for the auction is www.teitsworth.com. They, by the way, are the people who handle the very successful annual Town auction which draws people from all over the state and beyond. Finally, the board voted that the proceeds from the auction will be placed in the Fire Department Equipment reserve, to be used only for that purpose. The contract with Teitsworth is written so that the buyer pays the premium (cost) of participating in the auction, not the seller, which in this case is the Village of Palmyra.

It is not too late to sign up for a Community Development Seminar, Friday, November 5th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. It will be held in the Ohmann Theatre, Lyons, and is free to members of Canal New York and \$10.00 to non-members. Joseph Rabito, Deputy Commissioner, NYS Office of Community Renewal, will speak on grant funding available for businesses, property owners and not-for-profits, through his office. If you are interested contact Jerry Ashley, lyonsmainstreetprogram@gmail.com. The Village of Lyons was awarded \$390,000.00 through this program. It is worth looking into.