

Conversation with the Mayor October 15, 2007

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The Quarterly Laundry List

Perhaps it is the change of seasons, or the opening of school, or the upcoming holidays, but periodically the need for a "laundry list" of items to be related occurs. Whatever the current impetus, the time has come.

Business in Palmyra: If you have an interest in opening or expanding a business in the Village, let us know. There are things we can do to be helpful - micro enterprise loans to \$25,000; matching grants to \$250 for facade painting and toward signage; technical support for paperwork; information about other possible support. We are ready and waiting to help you be successful. Call the Village Office, 597-4849, for specific information and application forms. This is a good time for planning for next year.

Leaves and such: Village residents are asked to NOT rake leaves into the street. Leaves in the street become leaves in the storm sewer and can cause eventual plugging. Raking the leaves into a nearby stream or creek can also cause major difficulty later if the grates in the stream become plugged causing an overflow and flooding. While we are on the topic of plugging, flushing or washing things down the sanitary sewer is also a very bad idea. They, too, become plugged and result in unpleasant consequences. Just rake them into piles and leave them for the crew. Bagging the leaves means the guys have to un-bag them, unnecessary time and work.

Winter brings new concerns: November 1st is almost here and when it arrives, overnight street parking cannot continue. Why? Snow plows. Also, about snow: It is the responsibility of the property owner or the first floor tenant to clear the sidewalk in front of a building. The Village crew will do what it can, when it can, but that's a favor, not an obligation. When they can clear sidewalks, the focus is on routes to the schools.

Fire hydrants: The meteorologists don't agree on how much snow we can expect, but we know there will be some. Normally, our nearby neighborhood fire hydrant gets little or no attention, but during the winter, it should. Take the time, for your own sake and as a good deed, to dig it out. Access to it by the fire fighters should not be delayed.

Environmental Protection Fund grant: We have located an additional grant (outside money) to supplement the Canal Corporation grants for the Canalside Nature Park and are going for it. If you are in favor of our being able to build a boat launch and parking lot for boat trailers with outside money, please put that in writing and get it to me at the Village Hall by November 15th. Address it to me and just tell me that you think it's a good idea. Thanks for doing that. This is a subset of the larger grant that includes restrooms and a pavilion at the marina. Construction there should begin in the spring.

Final note: We in Palmyra have very good neighbors. John Ellis is one of them. He has retired as Chief of the Macedon Police Department after a long and honorable career. We thank him for all he has done for his community and the county and wish him well.