Conversation with the Mayor June 2, 2008

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Looking at Your Schedule

Last week the kindness of a good friend helped prevent, for me, a real disaster - a total shut down. He found my calendar without which I would have had to come to a complete stop. As far as I can recall, this has happened to me only once before when I was a staff developer for BOCES. Then, too, another kind gentleman saw the calendar and returned it to me.

Chances are that many of you reading this would experience a similar panic attack at the loss of your schedule of appointments and tasks, whether a low tech paper and pencil version like mine or a more technically advanced model. In either case, there is a lesson to be learned from the reaction. We are all moving too fast, trying to do too much, leaving no time for leisure, for fun. This is exactly the right time to resolve that you are going to do just that - make time to relax and enjoy. At out house, that is 'porch sitting time',a regularly scheduled event in the Daly household, daily,if at all possible. I am serious. If the meetings and medical and dental appointments are on the calendar, so should be the down time opportunities. This summer there will be an unprecedented number of activities right here in the Village for your pleasure and amusement. They are free, local, family oriented and fun. For details, go to www.palmyrany.com and specifically for Pirates Weekend to www.piratesoftheeriecanal.com The fun starts with the first movie of the season, *Water Horse* on Friday, June 20th and the activities continue throughout the summer. There really is something for everyone. Come join us.

Please welcome another new shop in the Village. By the time you read this, *Bandanas and Bows Pet Salon* will have opened at 312 East Main Street, just east of the flagpole. The shop will be open 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Tuesday through Saturday. To make appointments, call owner Vita Duffy at 597-3044. Not being a cat owner myself, I did not realize that finding a groomer who will work with cats is unusual. Vita does. It is great to see another vote of confidence in Palmyra's future.

Speaking of the flagpole, why isn't the flag flying? Because the new cable which was installed when the flagpole was refurbished several years ago is fraying. Buildings & Grounds Supt. Gary Hopkins discovered that when the flag was lowered for replacement. We are working on repairing or replacing the cable, but, as with anything else, things don't happen as quickly as we would like.

Other bits & pieces: Bright orange signs are up around the Village reminding you, as a dog owner, that you have a responsibility to clean up after your pet. It is a matter of personal responsibility and good manners and it is the law. Yes, you really can be ticketed and fined for being inconsiderate and/or lazy. I hope it does not come to that. And still on the topic of dogs, dogs bark. They just do, but we have a responsibility there, as with the clean up detail, to be sure that what they do naturally isn't annoying to neighbors. Most of us live on

50 by 150 foot lots and have to be aware of and considerate of our neighbors. Barking early in the morning, late in the evening, or barking over an extended period of time should not happen regularly. Put yourself in your neighbor's place and consider the annoyance. A final thought, a dog left outside barking for a long period of time is not a happy pet. That barking is sending a message to its owner who should be aware.

On a really positive note, there is another special tree at the Port of Palmyra Marina. A red oak has been planted in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Palmyra-Macedon Lions Club. That is special enough, but what makes it even more so is the fact that the tree and the plaque which identifies it are the gift of its sister service club, Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Club. Together, they do so much for so many in our small communities and around the world.

Well there's a mix for you - festivals, flags, cats and dogs - and trees. Life in the Village - we deal with everything!