

Conversation with the Mayor - June 15, 2009  
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## A Bright Spot or Two

As I write this, the recovery of HD #1, the Hydraulic Dredge which hit bottom in the canal under the Maple Avenue Bridge, is underway. If the number of crossed fingers all along the canal means anything, things should go well. When you read this, we will know. What has this unprecedented event any connection with bright spots? Whatever the outcome, the collaboration and assistance demonstrated all of the agencies involved – the Canal Corporation, the DEC, the NY State Police, the Wayne County Sheriff, Wayne County EMT and Highway Departments, the Town of Palmyra, the villages of Macedon and Newark, the towns of Arcadia and Macedon, and their Fire Departments and first responders, and, of course, our own village people in every department and office. This has been a text book case of how to get things done. Perhaps we should take it on the road and offer seminars.

Speaking of seminars, the announcement of NYS Small Business Development Center in Palmyra is another really bright spot. The SBDC program is supported by the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and so services to business owners, current and potential are free. The Palmyra office, which will be located in the corner office, 302 East Main Street, just behind the flag pole, is under the auspices of the SUNY Brockport. Counselors Dick Petite and Sam Campanella will work with clients in a wide range of management and technical services including, but not limited to, business plan development, small business start-ups, organizational structure, loan information assistance, and e-commerce. Call the Village Hall, 315-597-4849, to set up an appointment. You do not need to be a resident of Palmyra or Wayne County to take advantage of this opportunity. All dealings with the SBDC counselors are confidential. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is considering becoming a business owner and for current owners who want to grow and enhance their businesses. It's here and it's free – what could be better?

Lots of additional bright spots about which you will hear more later:

- July 4 – Independence Day Celebration in the Village Park
- July 18 – Pirates Dinner Dance at the Moose Club ( tickets at village hall )
- August 7- *The Goonies*, a free movie in the Village Park
- August 8 – 9 – Palmyra Pirate Weekend at the marina and on Main Street  
[www.eriecanalpirates.com](http://www.eriecanalpirates.com)
- The Great Wayne County Fair, August 10-15

Looks like another great summer in Palmyra!