

Conversation with the Mayor November 19, 2007

Vicky Daly

As you probably know, the Village government starts anew with the first meeting in December, unlike the Town, which operates on a regular calendar year. Why? I have no idea; it just works that way and has forever. That being said, thanks go to Matt Smith who was appointed to fill the slot from which Gary Hopkins resigned and a welcome to Pat Nolan who will be sworn in as trustee prior to the December 3rd Board meeting. Pat has been elected to complete the one year remaining on Gary's term. Three people serving part of one four year term has to be a record. All three men deserve our thanks for being willing to take on the extra time and work being an elected official requires. There are exceptions, unfortunately, but virtually everyone who runs for office at this level, does it for all the right reasons - to make Palmyra a better, more prosperous place. That goal is shared and party labels don't seem to make a difference. It is Palmyra people working for the greater good.

Thanks, too, to the fine folks who are responsible for this year's 'Christmas in the Village' event, Friday, November 30 - Saturday, December 2. If I attempt to name everyone involved, someone will be missed, so it's enough to know that it was pulled together by: the Merchants Association members, Historic Palmyra, the Palmyra Elementary PTO, and the Villages Celebrations Committee. It is another example of the spirit of volunteerism, which has become Palmyra's trademark. That's not an offhand remark. I have been asked repeatedly to speak on how the people of Palmyra work together as volunteers to get things done. We have developed a reputation for working together. Maybe it's something in our good Canandaigua Lake drinking water.

"Christmas in the Village" is the official opening of the holiday season in Palmyra. Give yourself a gift of time and money by doing your shopping right here. Take advantage of what your local merchants and restaurateurs have to offer. You'll be happily surprised with the quality and variety of items available. If you have on your list those hard-to-buy-for, have-everything-already people, give serious thought to a donation to the Food Pantry or another local charity in their honor. There is an ongoing need and every little bit helps.

There is another way you can help. One of our greatest, bankable assets in Palmyra is our appearance. We are the Village under the Christmas tree. It is in large part the efforts of the Village Planning Board and the Village Zoning Board of Appeals that have protected that look. There are now openings for one board member and two alternates on each board. Meetings are usually monthly. Training is provided. There is no pay beyond your own sense of satisfaction in being involved. If you have the time and the interest to be part of this, send a letter of application to the Village Clerk, 144 East Main Street. Your help would be appreciated.