

Conversation with the Mayor May 5, 2008

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Results We Can Be Proud Of

It's time for a laundry list again - bits & pieces to be shared. At the top of my list is congratulations to Highway Supt. Mike Boesel, who, with his counterparts in the Towns of Macedon and Walworth, brought home a \$449,000.00 Shared Services grant to the Village and the cooperating towns. The grant requires a match but it is an exceedingly generous 10% from us collectively, and 90% outside money. It allows the four communities to purchase equipment that none would be able to afford otherwise. The equipment will be used by all four communities.

More on grants: People have different attitudes about grant money. Some believe that grants should not be offered, but they are and, as long as that is the case, the Village of Palmyra will pursue them aggressively. Someone is going to get that funding; it might as well be us. If we can work collaboratively with another community or agency, as we did just recently with the school district, we certainly will.

Palmyra has been doing that for some time. Over the last seven years we have done well - the Small Cities grant for \$250,000 for microenterprise loans for new and expanded businesses; \$1,200.00 from the Preservation League to do an architectural survey of the Village Hall; two Canal Corporation grants totaling not quite \$500,000.00 for economic development; two Griffith McLouth grants for \$20,000.00 each for work on air quality and traffic safety on Canandaigua Street; member items from Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman Oaks for an array of things - the Waterfront Comprehensive Plan, the Stafford Street sidewalk, rehab of the flagpole, the pedestrian kiosks on Main Street, the purchase of the property for the proposed boat launch parking lot.

We are not done. At the moment we are waiting to hear on grants that would pay for additional sidewalk construction, for funding to help defray costs of the boat launch and parking lot, and on May 5th we submitted an application for a grant which would fund a Cultural Resources Study of our 19th century buildings. We have also requested federal Transportation Aid through Congressman Jim Walsh for the reconstruction of Canandaigua Street. Will we get these grants? We will have to wait and see, but we certainly won't unless we try. And why should we? Because we have demonstrated in the past that we use the grant money wisely and it has benefitted the people of Palmyra.

More good things are happening in the Village: Suni Bowman has opened the Village Green Florist at 313 East Main. Suni has been in the business for years and it shows in her beautiful, happy shop. Right across the street, at 312 East Main, Vita Duffys Bows and Bandanas Pet Salon will be opening in early June for your canine and feline friends. In the food and drink department, if you have not experienced Pasta Night at Lorris Secret Garden, you are really missing something. This \$9.95 treat is habit forming. Frank Hasseltine is greeting the spring season with a series of wine tastings featuring regional wineries.

Check the sign board outside his shop at 505 West Main to see which winery and when. Watch, too, for summer hours at Donna McPikes Muddy Waters at the marina. They are coming soon. And so are some great events:

May 15 and 29 'Preservation in Palmyra, Parts I and 11, Palmyra Fire Hall, 7:00 PM

June 1 Museums of Historic Palmyra open

June 8 Skateboard Park Fundraiser, Village Park 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Food and Fun for all

June 20 Movie in the Park at dusk - *The Water Horse*

June 21 Community Garage Sale, Village Park

June 28 Auditions for Shakespeare in the Park, Sexton Building, 10:00 AM

August 8-10 Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend - Put this on your calendar now. You wont want to miss it.

Save time. Save money - Shop & Dine in Palmyra - Enjoy our Village!