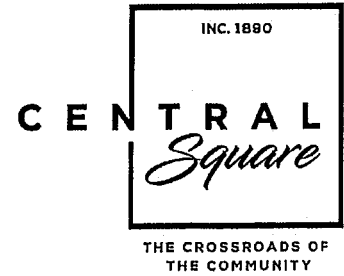


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VILLAGE CONNECTION

Mayor Kenneth Sherman / Trustee Randy House, Jim Turo, Mudd Murphy, Heather Stevens

March-June 2019

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is a great time of year! We all begin to come out of our houses and breathe the fresh air.

It is going to be a very busy season. April is a good time to do some spring cleaning inside and outside our homes.

Some important notices we need to remind our residents. Leaf and brush pick up will be upon us soon. Please be mindful of separating branches from leaves. Also, be sure not to place debris in the road way.

Street sweeping will be coming along too. Our DPW staff will be attending to these services as soon as the weather allows.

Beginning on March 16 until May 14 there is a burn ban. Covered campfires are allowed but must be less than 3 feet in height, small cooking fires are allowed, and fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.

Some important notes that have taken place during the winter months. I would like to welcome Kay Foster to the Village Staff. Kay was appointed the Clerk of the Village and has been working diligently.

Our Department of Public Works supervisor, Mike Avery, will be semi-retired beginning in May.

Mike will remain working part time for the Village, assisting the new Superintendent, George McCormick.

Mike has done an outstanding job during his 25 years of service. Mike knows every corner of the village above and below ground. His expertise and leadership has been valued throughout his career and this past year as he has supervised the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades.

Mike has been and will remain a tremendous resource for all of us at the Village. I would like to thank Mike for all that he has done for our residents, our Village, our School, our Town and our Village staff. Mike was my go-to – guy and my MVP.

He was always the one you could count on to complete a task and see a project through. Mike worked tirelessly around the clock sometimes solving drainage or pump issues during the middle of the night or through the storm. Thank you Mike!

In addition, there will be some changes coming up this summer to our recreation program. Stand by and see some of our improvements. It will be under new direction with a new Director and new ideas. It will still uphold our high standards and continue our traditions of being the longest running recreation program in the county. Over 70 years. That is something we can also be proud of as village residents.

Be sure to check the village website for updates.

Thank you for keeping our village beautiful.

Mayor Sherman

**Please see a few words from Trustee Mudd Murphy on the back of page*

There is a season for everything, and right now with spring finally arriving we are anticipating the warm sunshine and some green grass to gaze upon.

Village government has it's seasons also, and presently the Mayor and Board of Trustees are at the peak of "Budget Season." It is a season, no matter how large or small the governing body may be the process mirrors itself, and there is no escaping it.

The Mayor brings a budget outline proposal to the Board of Trustees and once again we bring out the "Fiscal Microscope," and begin the process. Each line item gets dissected with three simple questions. Where have we been? Where are we now? Where do we want to go with this item? That is where the diversity of the Mayor and each Trustee comes into play. Start with opinions and examine the facts under the "Budget Microscope" and come up with a balanced budget.

The budget process is very arduous at times, but in the process some programs in place need to be lifted out of context and questioned in depth. In other words does a certain program fit the needs of our community now.

For instance, this past year we realized, while going through the budget process, that our Comprehensive Plan or Master Plan, which is a plan designed for future actions of the community, didn't line up with what was really happening. In other words, the Master Plan in place in reality was not up to date with the natural growth patterns of the Village.

At the basis of a good Comprehensive Plan is zoning. That was our first line of examination. Does our present zoning line up with the growth patterns of the village. Working closely with the Village Codes Department, an outside advisor and the Oswego County Planning and Community Development, we carefully examined every zoned area, residential, multi residential, commercial, industrial etc. to be sure it fit the defined zone it was designated for. The whole process took nearly nine months to complete and in January 2019 we passed a Revised Zoning Law.

This year we are going back to the drawing board, now that we have A "Revised Zoning Law" in place, and will continue the next phase of bring our Comprehensive Plan up to date to fit the growth patterns and need of the Central Square Community.

While we get the "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MICROSCOPE," off the shelf dust it off and get to work for YOU! In the mean time enjoy the sunshine and green grass of springtime.

Trustee Mudd Murphy