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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

The long cold winter is finally gone and we can look forward to the summer and early fall season. Local community groups will be holding many events for everyone to enjoy. I will include some of them and give you information to get further details.

My website has some general information and you can connect to various websites that may interest you. The Town Clerk's office offers a wide range of licenses and permits, and services to Town residents, as well as collecting property and school taxes. Your **Insight 2019** includes much of the daily information you need or the departments to call. For anyone who doesn't have this year's insight, you can get a copy at Town Hall or read it on my website.

If you are remodeling or getting new furnishings, please do not leave your old furniture at the road unless you have called for a pickup. **Dependable** 315-472-7455 will give you a date when they will pick up and your fee. The landfill will accept your demolition and construction debris. Be mindful of your neighbors and bring your trash and recycling containers in from the road and your front yards after pick up. Please place trash receptacles in your garage or side yard.

Solicitors will soon start circulating through the town. If you are considering doing business with them, ask to see their license, which has to be issued from the Town Clerk. Background checks are done at the office so if they don't have one, beware.

Driving in Residential Areas

Many calls consist of residents worried about the local traffic and speeders. What I would ask from everyone is to be mindful when driving through the residential neighborhoods. Please watch for children at play, pedestrians walking, speed sign postings, intersections and stop signs. This is for all of us to remain safe and accident free.

Camillus Farmers Market

The market will again be on Tuesdays from 3:00 – to 7:00 pm starting June 4th and running thru October 22. Some of the vendors will be Scotty's Hot Dogs, Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, Froschauer Greenhouse with produce, Caltibianco Greenhouse, Sunshine Honey Bee, Meadow View Bakery, local wineries, assorted food trucks and more.

The Octagon House Events

Father's Day Strawberry Festival – June 16th – Noon to 4:00 pm Father's free with their children
Farm Day – August 18th – 9:00 – 4:00 pm - Fresh Produce, Antiques, and Community vendors
Holiday Open House – November 16 & 17 Noon to 4:00 pm – Raffles, Baked Goods, Crafters
Their website is www.octagonhouseofcamillus.org. The house is open for tours 2 Sundays a month and special parties can be booked by calling 315-488-7800.

Friends of Camillus Park

The Friends of Camillus Park is a community group of volunteers that continue to make improvements to our parklands. Please take some time this summer season to walk the trails, visit the Splash Pad, or enjoy the outdoor exercise area (for adults). Pickle ball courts to play on and a bocce ball court will be constructed this year. They have tailgate parties on the second Friday every month from May to September. Bring food and refreshments and join the fun.

Their annual run **Dash to the Splash** will be held on Sunday July 14th. Check out the group on their website www.friendsofcamilluspark.com

Summer Concerts

Again this year concerts in the park will be on Tuesdays to coincide with the market so you can enjoy both at once. They are held starting at 6:00 pm, bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Come early and try the different foods being offered at the market. Popcorn and lemonade are provided.

Here is the schedule for this year

July 9th – Flying Column (Irish)

July 16 – Menage A Soul (R&B, Rock)

July 23 – Mod Swing (Rock, Jazz)

July 30 – Marie DeSantis (Classic)

July 4th Celebration Concert & Fireworks

Since the 4th is on a Thursday, Camillus holds the annual event the Saturday before on June 30th.

As before it will be at Veteran's Memorial Park at Gillie Lake. A concert starting at 7:30 will feature the band Infinity. A great place for a family picnic with swimming and a playground. Some longtime major sponsors are Solvay Bank, Sam Rao Florist, and Camillus Sportman's Club. Many thanks to all the sponsors who fund this great community event.

Barber-Q Event

This annual event is for the whole family to enjoy. It takes place on August 4th from Noon to 6 pm. It is held on the front park of Town Hall. The founder is Saving Face Barber, and it benefits 2 charities this year. A day of fun includes free haircuts for men and free food for everyone. Local crafters and vendors will be present. There will be kids' entertainment and lots to enjoy. It raises money for the charities by selling raffle tickets from an enormous selection of gifts and services donated by local businesses and the community.

Amboy Air Museum

The town has many museums and parks that fill a number of different interests. A group of dedicated volunteers have started a new project called the Amboy Air Museum. As many of you know the very first airport for Syracuse was in Amboy before Hancock Field was built. Rich with history, the old airport was visited by Charles Lindberg, Amelia Earhart, Will Rogers and other famous flyers. A new sign has been placed at Reed Webster Park which will house the museum. They are actively seeking funds and the group has a Facebook page and a gofundme page at

www.gofundme.com/aviation-history-society?member=1289226

Early Voting and Primaries

New York State passed legislation for early voting. Early voting will help those traveling south to vote without have to get an absentee ballot. I do not know the designated place in our area yet. You can call Board of Elections at 315-435-3312, or check their website www.ongov.net/elections for updated information. The general election will still be November 5th, 2019, at your normal polling places from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Primary day is Tuesday, June 25th, 2019

Fairmount Fire Department

They will hold their Open House on October 6, from 10 am to 1 pm. Fire Prevention Week is October 6th thru October 12th. Their events are posted on their marquee in front of the station. Interested in joining the department call 315-487-5811

New LED Streetlights

As you have seen, the Town has replaced all the streetlights, giving us more light, and coverage. The Town received a \$79,000.00 grant so our cost for 1500 streetlights was only \$56,000.00. We will recoup that cost within 12 to 14 months, and after that we will reduce our costs significantly every year going forward.

Always looking to “Go Green” and lower costs, the Town Board has been looking at solar energy, reviewing the process and talking to reputable companies in the industry. More to following.

Town of Camillus Municipal Building and Park

Due to the estimates coming in over budget last year, the basketball court near Sidney Street did not get built. The funds were kept available and I’m happy to say it will get replaced this year. Also the existing playground that was taken down will be replaced. Both of these projects were funded with Community Development Block Grant monies.

Camillus Senior Center

Tricia Bacon, the senior coordinator has expanded the services for all who attend 55 and over. The center hours are from 9 AM to 3:30 PM Monday to Friday. The senior center has become a real gem in our community and to the senior population. They have a wide variety of events happening weekly and during the year, with some day trips available. Their monthly meetings are the first Monday of every month at 1 PM. They serve daily meals at noon for a small donation fee to seniors 60+. The senior center’s newsletter **The Senior Adventurer** is very informative. If you wish to receive it, call and they will put you on the mailing list. It’s a great place to meet new friends, be active and get involved. Call the center at 315-672-5820

Town Development

Here are some updates. The Old Bon Ton store will house medical offices for **St. Joseph’s Health Care**. They will not take all the space so that leaves room for future endeavors.

Fairmount Fair is adding a **Talbots Outlet** and **Core Eatery**. The **Core** restaurant promotes healthy eating with organic salads and more. Nothing definite for the old Panda Express restaurant.

Verizon store is open but for now the old Pizza Hut and pool supply store demolition is on hold.

The site where the Fairmount Community Church stood has undergone a major build. The front buildings on West Genesee Street will contain office buildings. The **Tumble Rock Apartments** will be on the balance of the property. The complex will have 84 - one & two bedroom apartments in 2 buildings with underground parking. There will be landscaping and ponds for enjoyment.

Second Chance Diner has wonderful breakfasts and lunches, try them, you’ll love it.

Township 5 is hosting their **Live at 5** again this year on Wednesdays during the summer months.

Starting in June it will be held in their courtyard across from the Movie Tavern. Check their website for specific dates and the bands that are playing. Food and beverage is available at the site.

The **Indian Grill** has opened next to **The Brassiere**. **Upstate Hospital** will have satellite offices next to the Movie Tavern. Visit their website for more information www.township5.com

Highway

Our highway department did another excellent job at snow removal this past winter. If you had any damage, they are seeding and repairing now. Please call the office at 315-672-5556. They will put your address on the list for repair to your property. Pot holes should be reported to the highway, please call the office. The highway website www.camillushighway.com, list services they provide the residents, some highway maintenance schedules and more. Remember as a resident you have the landfill to dispose of approved personal construction and demolition material, and the highway for yard waste. No grass is picked up. The landfill website www.camilluslandfill.com has more detailed information.

2019 Town Budget

The Town Board works diligently to keep costs down while sustaining all our town services.

We offset some increase in costs with revenue from various departments.

This year there is a slight raise in taxes, our first raise in almost ten years. The total increase equates to approximately \$25.00 per \$100,000.00 value on a home. Increased costs of minimum wage, health insurance and state mandated pensions contributed to this.

The complete budget can be found at <http://www.townofcamillus.com/documents/2867.pdf>

General Information

I would like to remind you that the public is welcome to attend all Town Board meetings, on every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month except for June, July & August. Those months the meetings are only on the 4th Tuesday. These are held at the municipal building, entrance off Male Ave at 7:00 pm.

You can bring forth any concerns or questions you have for the board during the public comment section. Agendas for the meeting are posted on the town website: www.townofcamillus.com.

Please take a few minutes to send me your e-mail address for my information blasts. There are a lot of new families in my ward and I'd like to include you. Mine is jffloodward3@gmail.com
Any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to call me. Enjoy your summer!

Best Regards
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