

VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS

WINTER/SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

MAYOR'S VIEW

It is always my pleasure to present this in March. Mainly because this means Spring is around the corner. I've had enough of the cold. Our downtown looks fantastic. Numerous businesses (more details enclosed) have taken advantage of the NYS Main Street grant we were awarded. The new lights, sidewalks and Route 4 look great. Thank you to Mike Fiorillo and crew for all their efforts. Prior to the arrival of our lights the downtown was quite dark. I contacted Mayor Jack Diamond about borrowing some of their lights temporarily. He gave us 4 lights for the corners of the park to use until ours arrived. Thank you Jack. We have ordered numerous pieces of equipment (tables, playground/exercise) to be installed at Derby, Grace, Murray and Juckett Park with grant money which Kathy Varney was instrumental in securing for the Village. Thank you Kathy. The Village continues to thrive and I ask that we all support our local businesses. The Strand Theatre project is moving forward and will be a wonderful new venue for our downtown. Thanks to Jon Newell and his group. Enjoy the summer.

Sincerely, Mayor John Barton



Photo courtesy of Kendall McKernon entitled "Our Town"

COMMUNITY PRIDE

The Rte 4 Construction Project is done! The decorative lighting has been installed downtown! And the Village is looking better than it has in years. Our Village is something to be very proud of! Let's all work together to promote community pride in the Village of Hudson Falls. Shop at your local merchants, help a neighbor having difficulty keeping up their property, donate to local organizations and project a positive view of our community through your actions.

APPRECIATION & THANKS

A big thanks to our Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Fiorillo, for his tireless efforts in overseeing the Lighting Project and the Rte 4 Project. Mike's efforts saved the village taxpayers a great deal of money on the design and installation of the decorative lights downtown. Mike dedicated a great deal of his own time on both the Rte 4 Project as well as the Lighting Project. His staff, at the Department of Public Works, worked alongside of him in some very cold weather in December in order to get the lights installed. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the entire community!



Mike Fiorillo Installing Lamp

WELCOME NEW BUSINESS CAROL'S AIRPORT CAFE

The Village would like to Welcome **Carol's Airport Café**, 67 Main Street, to the Village of Hudson Falls. Carol's is open 7 days a week. The diner features delicious home-style meals. We wish them every success at their new location.

GRANT NEWS

CDBG PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Village has received a 2014 CDBG Public Infrastructures Grant to replace deteriorating water distribution lines. The target area includes Hudson Place, Mechanic Street, Cherry Street from Mechanic to Pearl Street and Pearl Street from Route 4 to Oak Street. The proposed work is slated to begin this summer.

The Village completed a similar grant project last year in the John Street, Mosher Hill, Fourth Avenue neighborhoods. The project was a great success thanks to CDBG grant funds.

NEW YORK STATE MAIN STREET GRANT

The Village continues to implement our NYS Main Street Grant in the downtown area. The grant recipients include the Hudson River Music Hall, Tops Furniture, and McCann's Pharmacy plus 10 Court Street and 150-152 Main Street. This is a 50/50 matching grant. Property owners are investing 50% of the cost of the total improvements and are making a further investment in Village of Hudson Falls. Improvements will assist in both exterior and interior improvements to commercial, residential and civic spaces. This is the Village's second phase of our revitalization program through NYS Main Street.

Checkout the façade improvements made at Top's Furniture! A beautiful example of a business investing in our community, and taking advantage of this matching grant opportunity. Thanks to Chris at Top's Furniture for investing in our community.

CREATING HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY – FUNDED BY THE NYS DEPT OF HEALTH

The Village has received funding through Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play funded by the NYS Department of Health to make improvements to our parks. The Village plans to use the funds for benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, signage and equipment to promote an ideal healthy community. This program is implemented through the Glens Falls Hospitals' Health Promotion Center. A big thanks to former Trustee, Kathy Varney, for all her efforts!

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2014

The Village's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2014 will be available at the Village Clerk's Office and on the Village's Website (www.villageofhudsonfalls.com) in May 2015. The purpose of the report is to raise the understanding of our drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. The Village purchases water from the Town of Queensbury. Our constant goal is and always has been, to continually improve the water treatment process and to protect our water resources. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of the report please stop by or contact the Village Clerk's Office at 747-5426 or email us at hfvillage@albany.twcbc.com.

NEW FIRE TRUCKS

The Village has acquired two new fire trucks! In 2013 a new custom Pierce Rescue Pumper Fire Truck was purchased. Just last month a used Pierce Ladder Truck was purchased from Elsmere Fire District and will be placed in service in the very near future. These two trucks replaced three aging fire trucks which served the Village well for many years. Thanks to the H.F. Volunteer Fire Council for their efforts in maintaining our fleet of trucks for many years to come. And our sincerest thanks to all our volunteers for their proud dedication and service to the community of Hudson Falls!



Photo of Engine 362-Pierce Rescue Pumper

LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP INFO:

SPRING: April 1st to May 30th - DPW will pick up loose leaves and brush (must be in separate piles – no complete trees or stumps).

SUMMER: June 1st to October 5th – Monday pickup of bagged leaves and bundled trimmings. Tree trimmings must be bundled and should be no longer than 6 feet.

DROP BOX FOR PAYMENTS: For your convenience a drop box is located in front of Village Hall for collecting water and tax payments.

TRASH RECEPTACLES: Trash receptacles must be removed from the village right-of-way within 24 hours of trash pickup.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Village Taxes – June 1st

Water Billing – March 1st and September 1st

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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