

DPW

The DPW Crew has been pretty much tied up working on the transfer station project. The concrete work is just about complete and we should see the building going up in the next few weeks. Once we get closer to completion, we will be mailing out letters explaining the new process to all residents.

FALL LEAF PICKUP: The Village crew will be out during the month of November picking up bagged leaves. Please remember that this is for leaves, not brush. If you missed the guidelines in the Merchandiser, please call the Clerk's Office (548-3861) for more details. Because the crew is busy, they might not get around every week. The week before Thanksgiving is the last week we will be picking up for this season.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Some residents near the Plant may have noticed over the past several weeks that the odor was worse than usual coming from the plant. We had an issue with a major component there. But, thanks to Carl's ingenuity, we were able to get it fixed relatively inexpensively.

Youth, Park & Recreation

The Annual Harvest Festival was unbelievable. I can honestly say that I have never seen so many people at the Community Center. Senator Mike Nozzolio was here to help with the dedication of the gymnasium to honor the American Legion, the Legion Color Guard was out in force and people were everywhere! Thanks to everyone who pitched in and made it a success.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Community Center will host the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which is free to everyone (it's not just for those less fortunate – it's for everyone). Keep watching for more details and on how you can participate.

On December 6, we will be having the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Although, this year it is being called the Phelps St. Nicholas Celebration. A lot of community organizations and businesses are coming together to make it a fun day in Phelps. The Legion will be having an event that afternoon. The Historical Society will be having their Annual Open House. The Arts Center will be hosting activities during the day, as will many downtown businesses. Don't miss the Light Parade that will start at Wayne St. at 5:30 when we bring the light to the tree at Methodist Park at 6:00. And, then, the fun and activities continue at the Community Center immediately following. It will be a great day of community spirit, fellowship and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Please watch the Merchandiser and phelpsny.com for details.

If you have any interesting in working on a committee that is trying to develop a walking path along Flint Creek to join Ontario Pathways and even continue onto Midlakes and Clifton Springs, please contact Floyd Ridley at 548-8631. The County is willing to help us with this plan, as is Ontario Pathways. But, we need some local people interested in working on it as well.

Planning and Zoning Boards

Thanks to Bob Springer and Randy Scott who have agreed to serve on our Planning Board; and former mayor, Dennis King, who has agreed to serve on our Zoning Board of Appeals.

START PLANNING NOW FOR YOUR ENTRY IN THE PHELPS ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION! LIGHT PARADE



Instead of just meeting at the tree to light it, we are going to bring the light to the tree.

You can decorate yourselves and join the parade or you can decorate a vehicle or make a float that is lit up. Everything in the parade has to be lit up. We are encouraging as many businesses, organizations and families to participate as possible. It can be as simple or as elaborate as you want to make it. You might dress your family up as a choir of angels and carry battery operated lights or you might use a power converter in your car to put lights all over your car and make it look like its floating down the street. Be creative and have fun!
This is about having good, clean fun as a community!

Please call the Phelps Community Center at 548-8484 to register. There is no fee. We just need to know how to plan.

Everywhere you turn lately, there seems to be some discouraging news, especially with the economy. The media certainly has portrayed a pretty ugly image of America recently. When I was first elected, we hosted a series of meetings on community pride and what it would take to improve our pride in Phelps. I think we've accomplished that. Let's be an example of pride in our country. Despite what you hear or read, there is more right with the United States than wrong. Let's show our pride and fly our flags! I would encourage everyone, particularly on Election Day to put out their colors and fly them proudly.

Thank you for continuing to provide your opinions and ideas by e-mail (mayor@phelpsny.com) or by phone (548-8017).

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VILLAGE TIDBITS

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If you have tenants, **PLEASE** pass this Village Newsletter along. Extra copies are available at the Village office.

ATTENTION DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER USERS!! Delinquent accounts are turned over to the County each April to be included on your subsequent Village Tax Bill. These amounts are not taxes and cannot be claimed as such on your personal income taxes.

WATER BILLS ARE SENT OUT QUARTERLY January, April, July, and October 1st - Payable by the 20th.

SEWER BILLS ARE SENT OUT QUARTERLY February, May, August, November 1st - payable by the 20th.

THE VILLAGE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NON-DELIVERY OF THE MAIL!! If you do not receive a bill please contact the Village Office and we will send out another.

WATER AND SEWER BILLS are sent to the property owner of record, including any final readings. There is a \$15.00 charge for water readings requested at times other than the regular quarterly billing times. A Charge of \$30.00 is added if the water is turned off for **ANY** reason. These charges are in addition to any water charge due, including penalty, if applicable.

PLEASE MAKE A COMPARISON of your inside water meter and your outside reader periodically. By doing this you could avoid getting a high bill. Please call the office at 548-3861, if you find that the two readings are not close.

DO YOU REALIZE that a leaky faucet or toilet can **REALLY** add to your water bill? It would cost you less to have it repaired than the amount added to your water bill if it is ignored.

PHELPS TRANSFER STATION: The Village/Town Transfer Station is open Wednesdays from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for your convenience. Refuse Cards are sold at the Village Office during regular business hours. The cost is \$45.00 per Card with 26 punches. **RECYCLABLES** are currently accepted free of charge. Cards are available by mail. Brush may be taken to the Transfer Station at **NO** cost.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Phelps Community Center, 8 Banta St., Village Meeting Room; Phelps and convene at 7:00 p.m. These are open meetings and may be attended by anyone. Please attend and see what is happening in the Village.

IT IS TIME TO BEGIN THINKING about Winter and Snow. There is **NO PARKING** on Village Streets from 12 midnight to 6 am ALL days from November 1 to March 31 of each year. This allows the streets to be cleared by the Village DPW. Please cooperate with this request. **VIOLATORS will be PROSECUTED.**

THE VILLAGE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday, **November 11th** in honor of Veterans Day; **November 27th and 28th** for the Thanksgiving holiday; Thursday, **December 25th** for the Christmas holiday; and Thursday, **January 1st** for the New Years holiday. Our regular hours are 8 am to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FALL LEAF PICKUP is scheduled from **October 27th through November 26th**. Please have leaves in containers small enough for one person to handle at the curb, in an open area, before starting time to insure pickup that day. Watch The Merchandiser for more details. This is for leaf pick-up, not brush.

CHRISTMAS TREES will be picked up at curbside by the Department of Public Works. Pick-up will end January 18th, have your tree at the curb prior to that time to insure pick-up. Watch for future ads in The Merchandiser for exact dates and times. Trees may be taken to the Transfer Station free of charge. There is a limit of **ONE TREE** per residence.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW to snow blow, snow plow or shovel the snow from your property or driveway into the public street. **ALSO**, no owner or occupant of a building or structure adjacent to a street shall allow snow, water, or ice to accumulate on such building or structure so that it may fall on any street or sidewalk. Please take note of these requirements during the coming winter season. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

YOU ARE REQUESTED to keep the fire hydrants in your neighborhood clear of snow, for your safety and that of your neighbor should there be a fire.

