

ARGYLE VILLAGE UPDATE



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Bank Accepts Payments

As a way for us to control costs, improve convenience, and eliminate mistakes, the Glens Falls National Bank has agreed to accept water and tax payments to the Village. The June village taxes have been received successfully, and the September water rents will be handled the same way. September is a busy month at the bank, since school taxes will be collected in addition to water rents. While there are thousands of school tax bills, there are only 150 water rent bills, so the plan should still go well.

One difference in water bill collection is that late bills will not be accepted at the bank. Our water bills do not have the penalty amounts printed on them, so they must be calculated individually. Please make an effort to pay on time, but if that is not possible, include the 5% per month penalty,

Tribute to Pete Adams

Recently, Pete Adams of East St. passed away. Pete had been a member of the Village Board for 12 years consecutively, and had served previous terms. Pete had many interests in the Village, and brought a wealth of knowledge to the Board. He had many insights based on his past careers.

In April, the Village Board passed a resolution honoring Peter for his years of service, and thanking him for his contribution to the Village.

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and send it in the mail to PO Box 7. School tax payments will be made at the bank, so if convenient, taxpayers can pay them both at one time.

As was planned in the last Update, the Village office is no longer at the Town Hall. With the new access to the bank for making payments, there has been less need for an office space. Joyann Stimpson, the Village Clerk has office hours on Monday morning at her house, which is 52 Sheridan St. Wes Clark, the Mayor, makes house calls, and can be reached by phone at 638-8717, or 692-9542 x 2203.

Future Meetings

The Village Board meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 at the Stiles house. The next meetings are scheduled for:

September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6

Board Members are: Wes Clark, Mayor
Joanne McDowell Cher McCotter
Joe Lohret Peter Bailey

Water Meter Update

The Village Board has considered the purchase of water meters as a way to both discourage the consumption of water and improve the fairness of our semiannual bills. Under the present system, a flat fee is charged for a six month period, regardless of how much water is consumed. In June, the Board purchased enough meters for all the system customers, and Randy Cuthbert is in the process of installing them. He has put in about 15 so far, so if you have not been contacted, you will be over the next few months.



Randy Cuthbert is installing water meters.

Billing will not change to the consumption based rate until everyone has had a meter for at least six months. There will be a minimum billed amount for the overhead cost of the hook up, and then an amount for each thousand cubic feet of water used. The meters have a feature that allows anyone to read the quantity used from outside the house, similar to an electric meter.

Sewer Grant Update

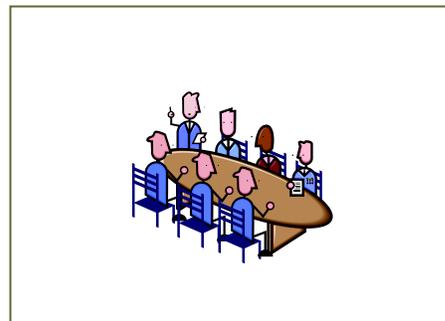
After several requests for more information by the Rural Development Agency of the Federal government, we have been told that there is not enough funding available to approve the Village's request for a sewer system. There has been a flood of money in an effort to stimulate the economy, but the cost of our project and the limited number of people to be served put us too far down on the priority list.

This means that our State grant for \$543,150, which was approved four years ago, is being

withdrawn because we will not be able to use it in the foreseeable future. The State has other areas where the funds can be better used at this time.

The information we have submitted will be saved in case funding is made available in the future.

The Cable Franchise Renewal will be a topic at the meeting scheduled for September 6 At 5:30 in the Stiles House



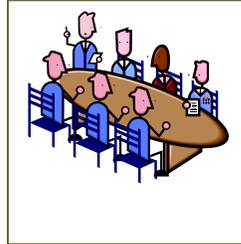
We welcome Peter Bailey to the Village Board effective April 1.

Stiles House plans

The Village purchased the Stiles house over ten years ago in an effort to be ready with a site for a sewer plant. The house has 10 acres with it, and the land had been suggested as a good place for a waste water treatment plant, since it borders the Moses Kill.

The house needed a lot of work, so a committee was formed to raise funds and oversee the repair work. Volunteers spent hundreds of hours cleaning, pouring cement, installing a heating system, and in general making the house ready for a new use. Chris Castrio has been organizing this task as a volunteer, and deserves our thanks.

The Village office will only use a small part of the available space in the house. The committee has envisioned using the first floor for community events and meetings. So far, the haunted house and the car show have been held successfully. The Youth Commission uses part of



The house will be available for community events.

the land for baseball games.

We are looking for ideas from the community to help the House improve the quality of life in the Village, as well as preserve this historic structure. Please contact any member of the Board or Stiles committee with ideas.

Snowmobiles on Sidewalks

There has been a lot of discussion over the years about snowmobile traffic in the Village. As we know, they can be noisy and dangerous if operated improperly. Several years ago, the board adopted a local law that prohibits snowmobiles from driving on sidewalks. This is a safety concern for walkers, as well as a snow removal problem, if the sleds kick snow back on the bare walk.

Snowmobiles are allowed to drive on the edge of State highways, and allowed to cross bridges on the roadways. Many of our snowmobile visitors are on their way to and from Stewarts to buy fuel. If you see snowmobiles operating illegally or unsafely, you should call the county sheriff at 747-4632. They are responsible for enforcing the access laws and the registration laws in New York.

Contact Us

The Village office is in the process of moving from the Town hall. Our Clerk, Joyann Stimpson, has taken the day to day necessities to her house at 52 Sheridan St. She is carrying a phone with the number 955-2766. She has a sign on the front of her house, and office hours are on Monday morning. As Mayor, Wes Clark can be reached at 638-8717, or during the day at 692-9542 X 2203, or at his 110 Main St. home. We are deciding on the best way of handling faxes, but for now, 692-9547 will work.

There is now a drop box at the Stiles house, and this is an option for paying the current water rents. It will be checked daily after March 1, and it is in a visible spot on the front porch.

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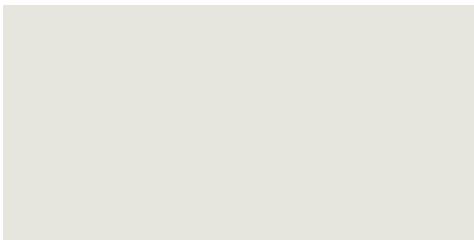


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