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### VILLAGE OF DELANSON

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## Message from Mayor Gifford...

Dear Citizens,

I want to thank everyone for their patience while we develop working arrangements that best serve our residents. The Village is going through some changes and it's all in the best interests of you.

A seven year analysis indicates the need for stricter oversight of spending at all levels. Department heads will now be receiving accurate up-to-date reports, enabling them to monitor their spending with a conservative mindset.

I would like to thank Ellen Grasek for her expertise and unrelenting work ethic. She has spent countless hours researching, repairing and improving our bookkeeping system in an effort to implement and bolster internal safeguards. Her recommendations have enabled us to go forward in a positive but cautious manner. There's still much work to be done and we will now have accurate figures to work from as we go into the next budget year.

In the coming months we will be exploring available funding for both infrastructure and community projects. The village is growing, life is changing. Get on board and stay up to date with what we are doing at Delanson.net. If you can't log on, please call me, I'll be happy to fill you in!

Village meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse/Village Hall. See you there!

Sincerely,

Gayle

"Building a community is a community effort"

#### **Broken Street Lights**

If you notice a non-working street light, please contact Village Trustee, Bucky Greiner, at the Village or contact National Grid directly at 1-800-642-4272. You must have the pole number which is up about 8' from the ground and starts with the letters – NG. Thank you for your help.

## Third Annual Concert in the Park

Everyone is welcome join us at the Gazebo in Delanson. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the show! Interested in performing just for fun? Call 895-2257

\*Refreshments are permitted. If you bring it in, please take it with you. Thank you. Every Thursday in August ~ Beginning at 6:30pm WEATHER PERMITTING

#### Schedule:

August 1 – 2/Late
August 8 – House Blend with
Amanda & Raul
August 15– Cavanaugh n
Kavanaugh
August 22 – Mark Baptiste
August 29 – Acoustic Collusion
– Open Mic – Show us your
talent!

# Where are the rolling trash cans?

Pollard did not have enough cans to supply the Village so they needed to be ordered. Residents should see them in the next couple weeks. Thank you for your patience! If you still have recycle bins from Advantage, please bring them to the firehouse and leave them around back by August 5 for Advantage to pick up. Please remember to break down boxes and bundle newspapers for recycling. Thank you.

Don't forget the

## Monthly Village Meetings

the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse/Village Hall August 12 September 9

October 7

November 4

December 9

October & November are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday's due to Holidays.

## **Upcoming Events**

August 1, 2013 – 6:30 pm Concert in the Park with 2/Late

August 5, 2013 – 7:00 pm Planning Board meeting

August 12, 2013 – 7:00 pm Village Board meeting

## **Communication Request**

Electronic transfer of information is critical in this fast paced age of technology. It enables us to stay informed of what is happening in our own neighborhood fast and efficiently. Newsletters and an informative website loaded with meeting minutes, documents being discussed at meetings, pictures and emergency notifications are what you can look forward to. Residents will also realize a significant savings in postage and office supplies. It's all good! Here are 3 ways to join the mailing list:

Call the village clerk - 518-895-2199

Email -

delansonvillageclerk@gmail.c om please provide name, mailing address, physical address and phone number.

Text villagemail to 22828
Village of Delanson will not share your information or use your information for any purpose other than to inform you of topics being discussed at current meetings, newsletters and emergency communications.

It costs the Village, and therefore you, approximately \$180 to mail this newsletter to you. If you have email capabilities, please let us know so that we can save the postage by emailing to you.



Please call Animal Control Officer, Darla Gullotta, at 860-3179 if you see a pet running loose. Thank you for cleaning up after your pets, your neighbors appreciate your consideration. If you leave your dog/pet outside, please be sure there is plenty of water available.

## Notes from the Board ...

Thousand Acre Road - National Grid has started the pole replacement project on Thousand Acre Rd. Harlan Electric Company will be on site for 1-2 weeks. They will transfer NG wires to the new poles and cut the old poles to the next suppliers cabling. Verizon and TWC will then need to come in and transfer their cables. The last supplier to move their wires is responsible for removing the old pole. Upon completion of the pole project, the Village Board will review quotes for resurfacing Thousand Acre Rd. It's been a long time coming!!!

#### Mayors Response to Audit

Mayor Gifford has issued a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in response to the NYS Comptroller's audit published March 29, 2013. Please visit Delanson.net to read the response as well as the full findings of the audit. Both the audit and the CAP response are filed with the village clerk and are available for review during regular office hours or by appointment.

#### New Village Clerk & Hours

Penny Holbrook has been appointed as new village clerk/deputy treasurer. She and her husband Ron have been village residents for many years and they are both former volunteer firefighters. The Holbrook's reside on Stewart Lane and Penny has the desire to serve her community as Village Clerk. Her office experience and qualifications will enable her to perform the duties of Village clerk efficiently. New Village Clerk office hours are Tues and Thurs 5-7:30 and Saturday 9-12 or by appointment.

#### **New Village Treasurer**

Please welcome Nicole O'Connor to the Village Staff. Nicole and her husband Josh are Village residents. Josh is a current Village Board Member. While at home raising her 3 sons, Nicole has the desire to start her own small accounting business. She is Bachelor of Science in Business Management and is eager to begin work on Village finances. The Board believes her experience and qualifications will serve the Village well.

#### **DELANSON.NET**

We have a new website designed and maintained by Village resident Bruce Barton. Bruce volunteered his services and has been a valuable source working many hours to develop a workable, informative site for our residents. "Websites are never finished....I look forward to maintaining the site for the Village and providing the residents with as much information as possible about their Village and how it is growing...since this is what I loving doing, it's been more fun than work".

On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to thank Bruce for his dedication and volunteer work on our website. We encourage residents to sign on to Delanson.net and offer suggestions and general feedback. We really want to know what **you** want to know!! Gayle

## Hydrant Flushing

Saturday, August 17 7:00am – 4:30pm



Residents should avoid doing laundry during this time and expect water discoloration for a period of 24 hours.

Residents are encouraged to conserve outside water usage during these long stretches of hot weather. Decreased water usage greatly improves operations of the filtration system.

## Fire Department News

Currently the Fire Department is working to launch a Junior Firefighter Program. We hope to have it up and running sometime in August. Information on how to join will be distributed through Duanesburg Central School. You can find updates on the Delanson Fire Department website at http://delansonfireco.wordpress.com

Congratulations to **Dominick Friello**, **Kevin Morrison**, **Lori Buccino**, **Duane Rapp** and **Danielle Pellerin** for their successful completion of the Fire Police training.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life event in June yielded \$18,000 total for all participants. Thanks to the efforts of our members we raised \$1,800, just short of our goal of \$2,000! We hope to double that next year! Thank you to all contributors.

Tentative plans for a Fire Safety Instruction program at the DACC Camp are being discussed. Updates will be posted on the website or call 895-2100.

Our Fire Company is growing and is stronger than ever. We continue to welcome new members and appreciate their commitment in putting forth their valuable personal time to serve our community. We currently have 14 active members, 11 are fully qualified firefighters. We are proud to report that after 90 years of incorporation we have sworn in the first female president....Jenn Friello... nice job!

Meetings are every Thursday evening at the Firehouse and are open to the public. We invite you to come on down and see what we're up to!

Please thank a volunteer fireman or woman!

Newsletter courtesy of Village resident, Mary McLaughlin.



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