

Hamburg Village Newsletter

November 2019

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MOSES



I am amazed every day with the continued transformation of the Village of Hamburg. It began with the "Route 62 Project" back some 15 years ago, which brought us traffic calming roundabouts and promoted

walkability. It continued with the NYS Main Street Grant Program which offered local business owners matching funds to renovate and restore their facades, further enhancing the Village's appeal. Long term planning and investment, that includes periodic review of our Comprehensive Plan, as well as public input and a volunteer force that is second to none, has resulted in beautiful streetscapes, enhanced recreation facilities, repaired and repaved roadways and upgraded water and sewer lines. Visitors come from all over for 5K Runs and events in Memorial Park. They enjoy parades and progressive dinners, and a whole host of holiday activities. They utilize the Village Swim Center, pickle ball courts and other sports facilities. They come for brunch, to bike, to hike, to shop, to have dinner with friends. With so many things to offer, the Village of Hamburg is no longer a pass-through on the way to someplace else, but the destination.

Continued dialogue and planning is critical to long-term sustainability and success. In 2017, we set our sights on improving Sunset Drive. At nearly a mile long, Sunset Drive was no small project. With careful and deliberate planning, in 2019 long overdue road resurfacing and drainage upgrades were

made. In addition, complete streets concepts of curbs and new sidewalks, designated pedestrian crossings and fresh plantings and trees along the route, have given Sunset Drive a whole new look. It has more of a "village" look and feel, better connecting this west side drive with the rest of the village.

Improvements will continue in 2020. Replacing 25,000 feet of waterline will allow us to consolidate with the Erie County Water Authority (additional details on page 6). Planned improvements also include sidewalks along West Avenue and Evans Street, creating a safer route through the village to Legion Field. In the spring we will begin Phase I of the Legion Field revitalization project that will provide better accessibility, safety and usability improvements to the parking lot and fields, with improved walkways and seating for the games.

The growth and success in the Village over the last decade or more did not just happen. The great team of Trustees I work with every day, as well as volunteer groups and committees, have helped create and shape the framework for all of the changes that have taken place. If you have any interest in getting involved, please reach out to me at mayor@villagehamburg.com. As Thanksgiving approaches, I would just like to say thank you to the many people who work hard to make this village special every day. We could not have come this far without you. Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes for a blessed Christmas and New Year.

– Mayor Moses

VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Moses and the Board of Trustees are pleased to welcome Jason T. Cozza as Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Hamburg following the June retirement of Don Witkowski. Jason is a Western New York native, but spent the better part of the last decade in Texas, the last 6 years as City Secretary/Administrator in Hallettsville, Texas. "Having been raised in Western New York, the transition was an easy one for me and my family," said Cozza. "It was a homecoming of sorts and we have settled nicely into Village life." The Board of Trustees unanimously confirmed

Mr. Cozza's appointment and have been impressed with his knowledge and experience. Cozza said he plans to continue on the path of fiscal stability set by his predecessor, and at the same time will look for ways to enhance the Village experience without breaking the backs of taxpayers. He will use his experience as Administrator of the Hallettsville Economic Development Corporation to work with Village leaders on the continuing capital improvements and infrastructure upgrades, and also manage the annual budget. In addition to the Clerk-Treasurer's office, Cozza is responsible for the oversight of the Court, Police, Recreation and Public Works Departments. "Jason rolled up his sleeves from

day one and jumped right in," said Mayor Moses. He has already put several new policies in place and was quickly up to speed on the Sunset Drive road reconstruction project, working closely with myself and the other departments to see the job to completion. We are fortunate to have someone with his enthusiasm and experience, and Village residents will benefit from that. We look forward to a long and successful working relationship with him.



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: REPORT FROM SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR PAUL BECKER

Transportation Initiatives. As we continue planning for new businesses and developments in the Village using our Underutilized Sites Strategy and Shared DPW Maintenance Facilities Studies as guideposts, parking, access and mobility remain top of conscience. Accordingly, we have been coordinating activities with the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), including hosting a public Regional Bicycle Master Plan workshop at the High School and participating in a Smart Mobility/Autonomous Vehicle (AV) workshop at the UB Center for Tomorrow. The AV workshop included a ride on Olli, the AV campus shuttle. Such collaborations are intended to assure the community that whatever we do will be aligned with evolving Smart Communities/Smart Mobility principles in order to increase our ability to apply for and secure grant funds for desired projects.

Village Trails. Hamburg Moves, a joint town and village trails committee, has been hard at work implementing the Hamburg Multimodal Trails Masterplan. They are in the process of prioritizing the ten trails and looking to secure funding. While nothing is imminent, this spring they hope to address some of the pressing needs of the community - like more bike racks and improved pedestrian safety measures. Additionally, they will be using social media to engage the community in all matters bikes and trails under the handle, Hamburg Moves. Give us a follow on Facebook and join the movement to make Hamburg a safer place for people of all abilities - whether you walk, run, stroll, bike, skate, or roll. For those wanting to get involved, our meetings are open to the public on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7pm, at the Community Center (107 Prospect Avenue) or you can email the Chairman, Karl Swarts, at kswarts@villagehamburg.com for more information.



Comprehensive Plan Review. After nearly two years, the review of the Village Comprehensive Plan is nearing its end. The survey data we received has been compiled and analyzed. Recommendations based on the survey data will be given to the Board of Trustees regarding project priorities. The Comprehensive Plan has also been incorporated into project management software. This will give department's better visibility and accountability. Ultimately, this will lead to an update or an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan - preparing the village for the years to come.



Hamburgh Holidays 2019 Activities & Events



Saturday, Nov. 30th: Hamburgh Holidays Santa Claus Parade, 11 am

Come join the fun on Main and Buffalo Street for the biggest Holiday parade anywhere!

Sunday, Dec. 1st: Free Holiday movie, Polar Express, 11 am

Enjoy a Holiday movie favorite at the historic Hamburg Palace Theater. PJ's welcome! Pick up your FREE movie tickets at Main Street Ice Cream, the Youth Center, or at the lobby of the Hamburg Palace to guarantee seating.

Friday, Dec. 6th: Christmas in the Village, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Grand Opening of Santa's Workshop! Come inside Santa's Workshop and meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and some friendly elves! Trolley rides from the Peace Park to Hamburg Village Square, lighting of the star, Winter Castle Dedication showcasing student artwork from Frontier Middle School Art Club, face painting, strolling Victorian carolers, music concerts, kettle korn, fire pits. Write your letter to Santa at ZJ's Restaurant. Enjoy Holiday shopping and dining in an illuminated village!

Santa's Workshop: Open weekends in December through the 21st and Thursdays, Dec. 12th & 19th

Come visit Santa and his elves and experience the magic of Santa's Workshop! Open Fridays 5-8, Saturdays 10-1 and 2-5, Sundays 1-4 and 2 Thursdays 5-8. Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa with your wish list! Deadline for letters is December 17th.

Sunday, Dec. 8th: Dedication of the Nativity, Memorial Park, 7 pm

A beautifully illuminated Memorial Park is the setting for the Dedication of the Nativity. Select readings by a local church youth group, the singing of carols and hot chocolate and cookies.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th: 6:30 Holiday Storytelling

Join the fun at our beautiful Hamburg Library for stories, crafts, and hot chocolate. Please call to register at 649-4415

Thursday, Dec. 12th: Light Up The Night, Making Spirits Bright Fundraiser for Hamburgh Holidays at Juicy Burger Bar, 6 - 9 pm

Join us for some Holiday fun and help illuminate our village! Tickets available at Juicy Burger Bar, Main Street Ice Cream & Village of Hamburg Recreation Department. Includes Beer, Wine, Food and Music. Presale: \$40 person/\$75 couple. Day of: \$50 person/\$85 couple.

Saturday, Dec. 14th: Breakfast With Santa, 8:30 am - 11 am

Enjoy a delicious breakfast, face painting, craft making with Hamburg YES volunteers and visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Knights of Columbus. Presale \$6 at Main Street Ice Cream and \$7 at the door.

Monday, December 23rd: Luminary Distribution, S.Park TOPS, 9am - 9pm

Christmas Eve: Lighting of the Way

Light up village neighborhoods with luminaries at the end of your driveway to light the way on this magical night. Make sure to drive by Memorial Park to see an illuminated path leading to the Nativity.

December 31st: Rock the Roundabout, Municipal Parking Lot, 11:30 pm

Special Thanks to our Sponsors!



Hamburgh Holidays Santa Claus Parade



Holiday Movie at Hamburg Palace Theater



www.HamburghHolidays.com

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE IN 2019:

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The Beautification Committee is always looking for additional help. If you are interested in volunteering your time with them, or any another village committee or commission, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 649-0200 or email the Mayor at mayor@villagehamburg.com.

The Hamburg Hometown Heroes Banner Project begins its 9th year honoring local veterans. To have a banner erected in a loved one's honor, the veteran has to have been a resident of Hamburg, serving in any branch of the military, at any time. The banners are hung on Main and Buffalo Streets from April to Veteran's Day each season. They are returned to the family as a keepsake after Veteran's Day. Applications are available at both village and town hall, and are accepted until February 1st.



The cost per banner is \$125.00. While Veterans' families give what they can, donations are both welcome and needed to continue this important program. For additional information, please contact Sue J at 649-3384.

5th Annual Community Update and Conversation

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Time: 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Where: Hamburg High School Cafeteria

Hosted by:

Village Economic Development Committee

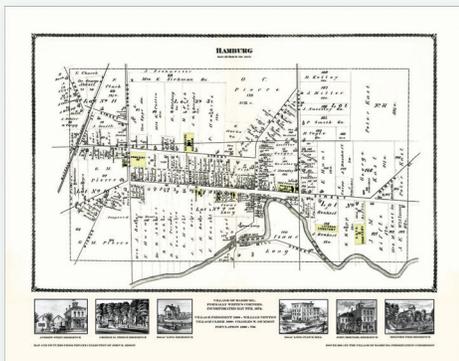
Please join us once again as we chart our course for the future in the Village of Hamburg. We will be providing updates and looking at the many possibilities for community enhancement and sustainability. Your input is important to us.



**Historic Preservation Commission Offers
Reproduction of 1880 Village Map**

The Village of Hamburg Historic Preservation Commission has reproduced an original map of the village from 1880 showing what existed at that time. The map is 22" x 28" and can be mounted in a standard size frame. It comes with a booklet listing data such as names, ages and occupations of residents.

The maps are available for \$10 each and can be purchased at Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main Street. They make great Christmas gifts!



Village of Hamburg Parks & Recreation Department



200 Prospect Ave. Hamburg, NY 14075 | Phone: 649-6170 | Fax: 649-3452



www.villageofhamburg.com/recreation



Activities



Snack Bar



Music



Movies



Crafts



Games

K – 6th grade | 6:30pm – 10:30pm
 \$30 for the 1st child/ \$5 for each additional child

DATES:

10/4 10/20 11/22 12/6 1/10
 1/31 2/28 3/13 3/27 4/25

Looking for a night out on the town but need a babysitter? The Village of Hamburg Recreation Department is offering supervised activities at the Hamburg Youth Center.

Stop into the Youth Center to register and reserve your spot.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

Who: 6th-8th Grade Hamburg Middle School Students

Site: Youth Center

Cost: \$5.00 per visit

Time: 7:30pm-10:00pm



DATES:

Sept. 27
 Oct. 25
 Nov. 8
 Dec. 20
 Jan. 17
 Feb. 14
 Mar. 6
 Apr. 3
 May 1



Mark your calendars:

January 20, 2020

Volunteer or Donate canned/non-perishable food items for the Foodbank of WNY.



Registration for the 2020 season begins on January 1, 2020 at hjbsl.com

Engraved Pavers for sale at Memorial Park and The Hamburg Community Playground! See website for details.



HAMBURG SWIM CENTER



Memberships available at villagehamburg.com beginning 2/1.

UPCOMING WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Improved water infrastructure, long-term efficiencies, and cost savings are some of the reasons why the Village of Hamburg is proceeding with a plan to consolidate its Village-owed water system with the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA).

In order to fully transfer the water system to the ECWA the Village has agreed to improve portions of the current system, which includes replacing aging waterlines. Starting in the spring of 2020, several streets west of Buffalo Street will have new waterlines installed in the right of way. This is the first phase of the waterline replacement project. Later in 2020, construction crews will start on the second phase of the project which will include replacing aging waterlines on several streets east of Buffalo Street. Upon completion, approximately 25,000 feet of waterline will be replaced.

As we move closer to construction, the Village will provide more construction details and information. Be sure to stay informed by visiting the Village website at: www.villagehamburg.com. Notices will also be published in the Hamburg Sun.

This is an extensive construction project that may inconvenience the public at times. We will strive to mitigate inconveniences as much as possible. The Village Board of Trustees and staff appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and patience as our community experiences yet another major project aimed to continue the momentum of making the Village of Hamburg the most desirable community in Western New York.

**subject to change*

PHASE 1 WATERLINES*		
STREET	FROM	TO
Milford	Pleasant	West View
Prospect	Sickmon	Marengo
Haviland	Scott	Lake
Pleasant	446 Pleasant	West View
West	Evans	Union
East Union	Pine	Hunt
Maple	Hawkins	Buffalo
Maple	Sickmon	Marengo
Central	Pierce	Lake
Pleasant	Marengo	Hawkins
Long	Pierce	S. Lake
Colvin	Prospect	Ockler
Oliver	Division	Buffalo
Anderson	Norwood	Highland
Donald	Norwood	Highland
Oakland	Highland	Ockler
Marengo	Pleasant	Prospect
Sickmon	Pleasant	Maple
Idlewood	Pierce	Lombardy

PHASE 2 WATERLINES*		
STREET	FROM	TO
George	E. Prospect	Charlotte
E. Prospect	George	McKinley
Parkside	George	Charlotte
Sherwood	George	Charlotte
Crescent	Taylor	Summit
Martha	E. Prospect	Raymond
Hunt	E. Union	E. Prospect
Victory	E. Union	Brendel
Brendel	Hunt	Darlich
Henderson	Pine	Hunt
Buffalo	Long	Bridge

ZONING CODE UPDATES

An important piece of good planning

Village leaders have undertaken a project to update the Village’s zoning code. The zoning code is the local law which determines land use in different areas of the Village. “It is important to have our zoning code reviewed and updated to make sure the code remains relevant and in line with the Village’s Comprehensive Plan,” said Village Trustee Laura Hackathorn. The zoning code is currently under review with updates scheduled for Village Board review in the first part of 2020.

The New Marijuana Laws

On August 28, 2019, new laws governing the possession of small amounts of marijuana went into effect in New York State. Significant to the Town and Village Courts are some of the changes to Penal Law §221.05 and §221.10. The new legislation did not outright legalize possession, but through decriminalization, moved the State towards a far less punitive stance on possession of small amounts of marijuana. This decriminalization limits the penalties upon conviction of Penal Law §221.05 and §221.10 to fines and State mandated surcharges. Jail time is no longer a sentencing option for the courts, and these convictions must now be immediately sealed pursuant to CPL §160.50(5). As well, the new legislation lifts the burden of the State’s past criminality of marijuana possession by requiring certain prior convictions be vacated, dismissed and expunged.



NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

It has been another busy year for the Public Works Department. A high point was the improvements to Sunset Drive that included road reconstruction, drainage improvements and landscaping. In addition, a reduction in lane size, alignment changes at Pleasant Avenue and the addition of curb bump outs, new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings have all contributed to enhanced safety in this area. Crownview Terrace and Boxwood Circle were also repaved and preventive maintenance was performed on numerous roads throughout the Village.



Leaves: Leaf collection will continue until December 15, weather permitting. Leaves should be raked to the curb, **NOT INTO THE STREET**, as they clog up the storm drains.

Yard Waste: Clippings, weeds, pulled plants, small twigs and pumpkins may now be placed on the ground (not in containers) next to the curb for collection by the leaf machine. This collection may not be on your garbage day. Based on volume, it may take longer to complete a cycle so please be patient.

Brush Pickup: Year round, weather permitting. Place branches in a separate pile at the curb with the larger end facing the street. Brush pickup begins on the last Monday of the month. Do not wait until your regular garbage day to put it out. Pickup starts that last Monday, even if it falls on the last day of the month.



Trash and Recycling: REMINDER: All trash and recycling items must be placed in totes **WITH THE LIDS COMPLETELY CLOSED** by 7:00 am on your garbage day. Trash should be in clear garbage bags (recycled items do not have to be bagged) and the totes should be placed with wheels/handles facing the street. Please clear a space at the curb for your totes in winter. **DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE STREET OR ON THE SIDEWALK.** Additional totes may be purchased at DPW at 425 Pleasant Avenue.

Large Trash: Large trash collection is concluded for 2019. Do not place these items out as they will not be picked up and you will be ticketed. For appliance disposal options, contact Erie County Department of Environment & Planning at 858-8390 or www.erie.gov/environment. For disposal of other large items, please contact a private garbage collection service.

An Update from the Environmental Conservation Commission



On July 3, 2019, a tree dedication ceremony was held in Memorial Park for former Environmental Conservation Commission member Edwin Drabek, who passed away in January. A red oak tree

was planted as a tribute to Ed and his incredible knowledge as an arborist. The variety was chosen carefully with the help of his family - knowing that it was one of his favorites. The ceremony was held just prior to the start of the Wednesday Night Concert in the Park, with even his out-of-town family members in attendance. This made it especially fitting since Ed and his wife Carolyn had been regular attendees ever since these concerts began.

Our commission relied on Ed’s expertise regarding tree planting because he knew his trees inside and out. He had a reputation of having “encyclopedic knowledge” of them - he could actually identify a species merely by viewing it from a distance. And there was never a single tree we discussed that

he didn’t comment and guide us on. “That’s a good, sturdy street tree that resists road salt” Ed would say, and “That drops pods that are annoying.” His input helped immensely when deciding which trees to plant, because even though most are put into the village right-of-way, they are still in front of residents’ homes, and it was important to pick the right tree for each location.

Not only did he volunteer on our Commission for many years, Ed also volunteered on the Town of Hamburg Conservation Board and several other community groups. In addition, even though he had retired after 30 years as the City of Buffalo Forester, he continued as a consultant for many more years.

We will also be placing an engraved plaque by his beautiful tree in recognition of Ed’s many years of service to the community. We will think of him fondly as we watch it grow strong and tall in his honor.



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Lind-hart Mini Ship

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