

Village of Cayuga

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message from Mayor Don Wilson, Jr ~~~

Fellow Village Residents — I would like to report that the village board has really been busy the last few months. We have recently completed and submitted a grant application for the NY Forward program. Senior County Planner Kari Terwilliger assisted the village in writing this grant. This gives a chance at obtaining \$4.5 million towards a village revitalization program. As many of you have seen from the Facebook ad, and from the village website, residents and neighbors have come up with several potential projects that this revitalization money may be used for. It's a long shot, but a shot none the less and money that the village could definitely use.

We have contracted with a new law firm to represent the village. We have adopted a new fee schedule for building permits. We have worked with the county emergency management office on updating and adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan in the event of a major natural disaster. We have completed a paving project in conjunction with the Cayuga County Highway Department that was funded with CHIPS, PAVE NY, and the Extreme Winter Program funding. We have also purchased new "Welcome" signs that will be in place soon.

I would like to thank the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and all of the volunteers who participated in the Clean Up Day organized by Trustee Heath. It was a great success cleaning up both parks, repairing the Harris Park board walk and clearing brush along the nature trail. I would also like to congratulate Adrianna for completing her Girl Scouts Gold Star Award. Her efforts here in our village are greatly appreciated with the replacement of old benches, repairing old bird houses, some trash removal and trail clearing. Another great addition to Harris Park is the "Little Library" which was part of another Girl Scout achievement award accomplished by Lily and Trista as part of their silver Star Award. Thank you to all the young women and your efforts to brighten our community.

The Cayuga Fire Department recently hosted their annual fund-raising event "Win-A-Ton". It was great to see the event come HOME to MacIntosh Park where the Cayuga Carnival used to be held many years ago. The day was a huge success and the feedback throughout the community is really great to hear. Those fundraising efforts by the department provide a huge tax savings to all of the households here in our village. The fire department is actively seeking volunteers and encourage anyone interested to stop by on Monday evenings.

As we move forward into the fall and then winter months, I look forward to seeing all of the Trick or Treaters and all of the Christmas lights throughout our village. Please watch our village Facebook page and village website www.villagecayugany.com to stay up to date on current events. I can be reached at don.wilson@villagecayugany.com for any questions, concerns or insights.



Hello from the Code Officer ~~~

In October, we celebrate Fire Prevention. As a reminder, heating season will be upon us shortly. Please check your **smoke alarms** and **carbon monoxide** detectors to ensure your families safety. Remember the signs for Carbon Monoxide poisoning mimic flu-like symptoms. You must contact the Code Officer, Kevin Foster, before installing any solid or fuel burning devices. They require a permit and inspection to ensure proper installation. Have a safe heating season!

The History Corner—by Cindy Scoville.

Marie Parcello. Recognize the name? Probably not, unless you are familiar with opera singers of the late 1800-early 1900's. Marie was known for her amazing contralto range, spanning three octaves. She was well-known throughout Europe and New York City where she gave recitals at the Waldorf and Steinway Hall. In her later years she had a studio at Carnegie Hall where she trained contralto students. An accomplished pianist, she also wrote music for the contralto voice range. Her talents included speaking and singing in four languages.

So how is she connected to Cayuga history? Marie Parcello was her professional name. Born in Cayuga in 1860, Maude Marie Victoria Parcels was the daughter of Rev. Jerome Parcels, an Episcopal priest, and his German wife Mariatje Felthousen Parcels. Her grandfather, Dr. Christopher Felthousen, who also lived in Cayuga, was an accomplished violinist. Sadly, Marie's parents died when she was young. She was then adopted by her aunt, Mrs. Gilbert Lincoln, of Auburn. Her aunt recognized her talents and saw to her training—including musical training in Berlin, Paris and Milan, as well as tutors in both England and India. Upon her return to the United States, Marie lived in New York where she studied at Colombia University.

As her career was just beginning, Marie visited friends and family in Auburn where she was seriously injured in a fall caused by a broken sidewalk. This left her laid up with a back injury and kept her from beginning her career for three years. A lawsuit was filed against the City of Auburn and eventually, Marie was awarded \$9,000 which helped to support her in her travels.

Marie later married George Stephenson Bixby, an attorney and journalist. They settled in Plattsburgh, NY and wintered in NYC where she continued training vocalists. "Marie was a member of the board of managers of the Convalescent Home for Women in New York City. She was interested in playgrounds, concerts for working people, municipal art, public education, anti-tuberculosis movement and landscape gardening. She was a member of the State Charities Aid Association, Daughters of Holland Dames, the Navy League, American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, Women's Municipal League, Peace Society, Mary Washington Colonial Chapter D.A.R., the MacDowell Club of NYSC and Women's Political Union, NYC. She was Protestant Episcopalian, and favored women's suffrage."⁽¹⁾

Her parents and grandparents graves are easy to find if you walk along Lake Rd. by the cemetery. They are buried in the front row.

And now you know another interesting connection to Cayuga.

(1) J.W. Leonard's Woman's Who's Who of America 1914-1915.

REMINDERS!

Leaf and brush pick-up will continue every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Leaves may be raked to the side of the road, but DO NOT push them into the drainage gutters. If you are using bags, they must be environmental bags and no heavier than 35 pounds. Brush must be bundled and no longer than 3 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.

Park vehicles completely off the street for safe snow removal.

Provide appropriate housing facility for your pets when outside. Call Carl Collier (315.253.4367) if you are concerned about an animal in the cold without protection.