



PULTENEY GRAPEVINE

FALL 2014

Welcome to the Pulteney Grapevine, a newsletter about services and happenings in Pulteney. This newsletter is compiled and distributed by the Pulteney Free Library to help spread information throughout the community. The Pulteney Grapevine community newsletter is made possible through funding from Steuben Senior Services Fund, the Town of Pulteney, the Pulteney Presbyterian Church, and the Pulteney Fire Department.

ROAD SAFETY is everyone's business. We're having plenty of traffic on all our roads, and there are repairs to culverts and washed-out driveways and ditches. We've got bicycle races and motorcycle runs, walkers and runners. Please remind everyone you love to: wear a bright jacket so they are visible when they run alongside the road; turn on headlights during rain .. even in the daytime; run or walk FACING on-coming traffic; slow down when approaching a horse-drawn vehicle; and watch for school buses now that we are getting ready for Fall

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, now would be a good time to do so. There will be a DEMOCRAT Primary on Tuesday September 9. Polls for the Primary will open at 12:00 Noon and close at 9:00 PM, at the Pulteney Town Hall Meeting Room. Remember: The General Election will be Tuesday NOVEMBER 4. If you can't get out to vote, or you will be away from home at that time, you can get an absentee ballot by contacting the Steuben County Board of Elections, Phone 664 – 2260.

In case you need transportation to Bath for shopping or appointments, you might like to use the BUS which comes to the Town Hall Parking Lot to pick up and deliver passengers on a daily basis. There may also be volunteer drivers available to help you. For information, call the Steuben County Office of Aging at 776 – 7813.

Keuka Lake area's new Radio Station has current weather reports every half-hour to help you plan your travel activities and of course your yard work and walks. Find out about upcoming events on the community calendar. WQKA-92.9 FM.

Notice how spiffy the Town's playground looks? Volunteers have added a new layer of wood chips and done some clean-up work which makes the colorful equipment even more inviting for the children of our area. Special thanks





PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY

From the Pulteney Free Library Trustees:

We were very pleased to see more than sixty people drop by on June 19 to look at drawings of our proposed new Library building project. Architect Anne Hersh and her assistant Hannah Little presented the drawings and they, along with building Committee Chairman Paul Schnipelsky, responded to questions and comments from those in the audience. The drawings are available at the present Library, for people who haven't yet had a chance to see them. Please have a look!

Just exactly how we will be able to PAY for our new Library in the center of town is not perfectly clear. However, we believe that a combination of Grants and Gifts and lots of fund-raising and "sweat equity" can make it happen. The Trustees are searching diligently for funding sources and for partners in this project. We're hoping to use alternative energy sources, and other creative ideas to build a facility which will serve Pulteney for the NEXT 135 years. STAY TUNED

HOURS:

TUES - 12 - 8:00

WED - 12 - 6:00

THUR - 12- 8:00

SAT - 9 - 1:00



PULTENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORPS

This is the time of year to make sure that smoke detectors and CO alarms are in working order. This is also the time to have your chimney cleaned going into the winter heating season. If you don't have a health file with your medical information, including medications, allergies, DNR, and contact information now is a good time to get one. Please put it on your refrigerator where it can easily be found in an emergency. Files can be obtained from Steuben County Office for the Aging - Kathy Burns, the Pulteney Free Library and from a member of the Pulteney Ambulance Corps.

The Pulteney Fire Department will host their 3rd Annual Comedy weekend fundraiser in



GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

The people of Grace Fellowship, and their growing circle of friends, have enjoyed a very busy summer season. Every Wednesday evening at 7:00, folks gather at Pastor Larry and Marsha Slater's home on Brown Road for a time of singing, prayer, and in-depth study of the Scriptures. August 1st, the Fellowship hosted a First Friday Fellowship gathering, with enthusiastic singing of favorite hymns. There was a community Gospel/Hymn-Sing with musical accompaniment, at 7 PM Saturday August 30 at the church building when ALL were invited to join the singing. Members of the Fellowship will also be treated to an old-fashioned picnic, with a hayride as well as great food, at 1:00 PM Saturday Sept. 7th at Sam Garber's home. Sounds like lots of good things are going on at Grace Community Fellowship!

PULTENEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer is nearly over and the church enjoyed having the summer visitors join us for worship. Soon the splendor of autumn will color our world!

Congratulations to Walt and Barb Faber who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August. Barb and Walt both have been members of our church for nearly 65 years each. Also, Gene Vis celebrated his 90th birthday. It's the multi-generations that help keep our church alive!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Pulteney Presbyterian Church turns 200 years old in 2015. Activities throughout 2015 will mark this special occasion. If anyone has any memorabilia from earlier days that they like to share (it will be returned), kindly contact Donna Colvin at 607-868-4893 or the church at 607-868-3155.

A rummage sale is tentatively scheduled for October 3rd and 4th at the church. Check the Southern Tier Shopper for further details.

On October 19 will be the CROP walk, a part of Church World Services. Several members of our congregation walk and in the past we have raised \$1,400 to benefit local food pantries, wiping out hunger one step at a time.

With the coming of autumn, the church will be getting ready for our Annual Harvest Dinner – a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pies. The date is Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Pulteney Fire Hall, and serving begins at 4:30 pm. "Gobble 'til you wobble:!!!"

We continue to collect items for the Prattsburgh Food Pantry as part of our local mission. Thanks to the many who contribute including "The Lunch Bunch" who dine at the church on Monday and Thursday as part of the Senior Nutrition Program.

Ladies of the church are actively involved in Prayer Shawl Ministry and meet Mondays at 10:00 am. Experienced or not, come and join us. You can also make donations of yarn. Questions: contact Harriette Potter @ 315-536-6792.

Join us for church at 9:15 every Sunday and then stay for coffee hour and fellowship.

PULTENEY FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Pulteney Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary is still looking for additional community members that would like to give of themselves and their time to support the Firemen and their important work here in Pulteney.

Please consider joining our small group in this endeavor. We not only help the Fire Dept. during major fires, but also assist them financially when purchasing major items for the Fire Hall or making major improvements and repairs.

PULTENEY SENIOR LUNCH

A good time for sharing news and a lunch is scheduled for every Monday and Thursday at 11:30 AM, when senior members of our community gather at the Pulteney Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Meals are prepared at the Lakeview Apartments in Bath and delivered to the site: Hot food is hot and cold food is cold when the delivery arrives. Special treats are often shared by group members, too, along with recipes. Volunteers among the group set up and clean up; sometimes there's a program; often there are lively discussions about local history, politics, family, TV, and hundreds of other topics. There's a certain amount of friendly banter, too. All are welcome to join the gang. To reserve your meal, either sign up at the church or



Would you need help in an emergency?

Steuben County Office for Aging, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Services, is encouraging seniors or younger residents with special needs to complete a "Special Needs Registry" form. Participation in the program is totally voluntary. In the event of a public emergency or natural disaster such as an extended power outage, flood, or snow storm, some Steuben County residents have special needs which may require assistance during evacuations and sheltering. The form asks for basic information, emergency contact information, medical needs, and any other special needs you may require. Typically, the Office of Emergency Services would dispatch the information to a local responder to assist you in an emergency. Forms are available by contacting

Do you need help with a Fall clean-up project?

Pulteney Aging in Place, Project Care, and the Hammondsport High School will again be collaborating to assist in fall clean-up for residents of Pulteney. If you need your leaves raked, windows washed, or flower beds cleaned out, please call Kathy Burns at the Office for Aging at 664-2298.

BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE GROUP

Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00, a group of exercisers gathers at the Pulteney Fire Hall to work on preventing osteoporosis and other complications of aging. A program designed by Tufts University Medical School is conducted by specially trained volunteers. Stretching, breathing, weight-lifting, and aerobic exercises are part of the hour-long routine. Also included is counting backwards (one of the more difficult exercises) and singing! As many as 25 people join in the circle. There's no charge, no sign-up, no obligation. There are at least a dozen "Poster Children" among the group – people who have benefitted from the exercise after hip or knee or shoulder injury or surgery. The community should be proud of the group and of its leaders (Rita Finley, Kathy Wheat, Nancy Cole, Sue Steeves, Carole Smith, and Ray Dutcher ! Come an see – maybe you'd like to join in!

PULTENEY TOWN NEWS

Our original water plant operator, Ken Forenz, has resigned for a job with the Steuben Co. Emergency Services. He is being replaced by Chuck Dluzak who is undergoing training by the NYS Dept. of Health for his water operator certifications. Thanks and best wishes to Ken.

Our Town Clerk, Theresa Keesey, has resigned to go back to her former teaching position with BO-CES. The Town Board has appointed Erica Giambra as the new Town Clerk, effective the end of August. She will serve until Dec 31st of this year and may wish to continue if she wins the election to be held in November, a decision by the County Board of Elections.

Lauren Welch has been appointed the Manager of a new Dept. of Municipal Services to include Zoning, Codes, Watershed and now the water dept. with Chuck Dluzak reporting to Lauren. This new operation will streamline the delivery of services to our citizens. Best wishes to Lauren and Chuck.

In 2013 the Town Board gave notice to KWIC (Keuka Watershed Protection Cooperative) that Pulteney was leaving the Commission. At the Town Board meeting of August 13th this year, the Board instructed Supervisor Weber to take a series of requests to the KWIC Commissioners at their August 25th meeting. If these requests are met, Pulteney will rescind its decision to leave KWIC.

The Town has been served with a lawsuit by Peter and Mary Beth Gamba to open an ancient trail south of Gibson Road to make it a Town Road. The Town is arguing the case in Steuben Co. Supreme Court with Judge Mary Ann Furfore presiding. The original trial date of July 15th has been adjourned to sometime in the Autumn.

PULTENEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you haven't noticed yet, the community garden is blooming! We have beautiful Zinnias towering over the beds and offering a burst of beautiful color to the center of town. Behind that beauty is a bounty of green beans, yellow squash, and carrots that have been shared locally. Liz Ryder hand delivered fresh veggies to some of our wonderful residents who were very appreciative. It also offered an opportunity to visit with individuals that have a history in Pulteney and shared some wonderful stories. If you would like to wander up and help yourself to some of the vegetables, they are available for any and all Pulteney residents. In addition to the vegetables and flowers in the beds, the trees donated and planted by Brian Kilbury are thriving.



As always, we are still accepting donations. We are in need of topsoil, mulch, and shade plants. Donations can be arranged by contacting Kathy Burns at 607-868-3163. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6pm from April through Sept at the Pulteney Town Hall. Thank you for your continued support as

Pulteney Free Library
P.O. Box 215
Pulteney, NY 14874-0215

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CALENDAR:

September 5 & 18, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

November 1 - 4:30 til ? - Pulteney Presbyterian Church Harvest Dinner - Pulteney Fire Hall

Bone Builders - Mondays & Wednesdays - 9:00 am - Pulteney Fire Department

Pulteney Free Library Story Hour - 9:30 am - Saturdays

Senior Lunch - Mondays & Thursdays - 1100 am - Pulteney Presbyterian Church

Pulteney Tuesday Morning Quilting & Craft Group - 8:30 - noon - Pulteney Fire Hall

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- First Presbyterian Church of Pulteney
- Pulteney Fire Department

