



PULTENEY GRAPEVINE

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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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PULTENEY

Celebrating their 200th Anniversary

The church was forged from the will of the pioneers in a new territory. On July 29th, 1815 the Presbyterian Union Society was organized by Rev. James Hotchkins along with John Hopkins, John Ellis, and Jabiah Havens as elders. The early church used school houses to worship including the school house in Stewart's Corners Road and in 1831 received a gift of one hundred acres from the Sir William Pulteney Estate.

The first church was erected in 1835 near the house of Mr. Nevyus and in 1851 the original building was replaced with a more modern structure. In 1897, through the efforts of Mr. James Drake, a pipe organ was purchased (one of the 29 made) and it was converted to electric in 1941. Beautiful stained glass windows adorn the north, south and east sides for the building which were given in memory of many who faithfully served the church during early years.

As the church celebrates its 200th anniversary, a special "Homecoming" service is planned for September. Commemorative ornaments and mugs will also be available for purchase.

From the beginning, the church on the hill overlooking Keuka Lake has flourished. Early pastors to the present have guided our church forward as we continue to serve our community and town.

(Special thanks to Susan Davis Faber McCullum, MD for her input.)

A proclamation by the Town Supervisor, William A. Weber reads, in part, "as the Town of Pulteney has been blessed for these past 200 years with the presence and community involvement of this Church ... hereby proclaim that July 29th, 2015 is hereby designated Pulteney Presbyterian Church Day and that all our residents and visitors should





PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY

The Library has a great schedule of summer programming. We have a Summer Learning program for adults as well as children. Put a little fun into your summer by participating in one of our programs. The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes is sponsoring three artists programs. We have a jewelry class, a drawing and painting workshop, and a Japanese brush painting class planned. Check the calendar on the back for dates.

From the Trustees of PulteneY Free Library: We are preparing to sign the deed for a site for our new building! The site, right next to the Town playground and basketball court, is a gift from the PulteneY Town Board and the citizens of our community. Next steps are under way, with drawings and planning and measuring and considerable discussion of the “best” way to develop our Library to meet present needs and to journey on into the future. Let us thank all the people who are working hard to make the dream a reality! They include an energetic building team; our wise and patient Library Director and her assistant and volunteer workers; lots of supporters from our community; the Town

HOURS:

TUES - 12 - 8:00

WED - 12 - 6:00

THUR - 12 - 8:00

SAT - 9 - 1:00

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:

Class of 2015

Hammondsport - Brittany Hyde, Brian Kilbury, Ann Stone

Prattsburgh - Leslie Darrin, Abbie Presher, McKenna Wise



PULTENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORPS

Sunday Pancake Breakfasts will be served through Labor Day at the PulteneY Fire Department on Brown Road. The breakfasts run from 7:00 am to 10:00 am.

Volunteers are needed for both the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. If you are interested contact 868-3003 or info@pulteneYfire.com. These organizations depend on volunteers to ensure the safety of our community.

Are you aware that the PulteneY Fire Department can provide assistance during power outages for those on oxygen? Just call 911 if you need help..

The Ambulance Corps recommends having a File of Life or a list of medications and any out-of-hospital directives (DNR, MOLST, etc.) easily found during an emergency. The best place is your refrigerator.

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Larry and Marsha Slater continue to host a Wednesday evening study group whose members are exploring Prophecy as it relates to current times. Some deep discussions take place at these sessions... all who are interested are welcome. Selected books to take home, read, and pass along, are available from the Pastor's bookshelf, courtesy of the Pulteney Free Library.

Lively music can be heard at the Church building on Sundays. Two Gospel Bands have performed there recently, with some audience participation. Everyone can be inspired by the music and messages. Come and see!

PULTENEY FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Pulteney Firemen's Auxiliary is hosting a Craft Fair Saturday July 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pulteney Fire Hall at 8891 Brown Rd. There will be area Arts & Crafts of all sorts, Raffles, Food & Beverages available for all who come to view the creative juices of all participating crafters and artists. Many will even have a Christmas theme, so you can shop early!

With 25 tables, you should be able to buy whatever you fancy. All items are new (not used). For information call Jane @ 607-868-3141, Rita @ 607-868-4393 or by send an email to ree-tom@empacc.net.

PULTENEY SENIOR LUNCH

The Pulteney Lunch Bunch meets at 11:30 AM Mondays and Thursdays, in the Fellowship Hall at Pulteney Presbyterian Church for a tasty lunch and even tastier conversation. Problems of the world are discussed; stories about our youthful adventures are shared; tips on managing our meds and our stairs and our pets and our mail are offered for free. Anyone may join the Bunch, anytime, but please sign up in advance at the church or call 522-5121 to reserve a meal. For people 65 and older, a donation of \$3.00 is requested. Younger people are asked to contribute \$6.00 .

BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE PROGRAM

The BONE BUILDERS Exercise Program is growing stronger every day !! As many as 25 women and men meet at 9:00 AM Mondays and Wednesdays at the Pulteney Fire Hall, where exercises designed to strengthen bones, increase flexibility, improve balance, and do complex Math problems, are all part of a program designed by Tufts University Medical School and sponsored locally by the Steuben Office of Aging. Six Pulteney residents volunteer their time to become trained, and to lead the group through the hour-long routine. A doctor's permission to participate in the program is required.



The Medicare Rights Center is a national, nonprofit consumer service organization that works to ensure access to affordable health care for older adults and people with disabilities through counseling and advocacy, educational programs and public policy initiatives.

For those approaching Medicare eligibility, *MRC* offers this advice:

- **Consider all of your options well before you become Medicare-eligible, and start thinking about Medicare enrollment *six months before* you become eligible.**
- **If you have employer-sponsored health coverage, then you should carefully consider whether to enroll in or delay Medicare Part B depending on the size of your company and whether or not Medicare will be your primary coverage.**
- **Make an appointment to speak to a representative at your local Social Security office about your circumstances after you have done some basic research.**
- **Write down what you are told by the Social Security representative, confirm that you understand the information you are being given, and keep a record of all conversations.**
- **If you are going to enroll in Part B, do so early in your Initial Enrollment Period so that you do not experience any delay in coverage.**

If you are in an unusual circumstance, don't assume that you understand how the general rules apply to you. Explain your circumstance to a trained counselor and ask questions!

For additional help, beneficiaries and caregivers can visit Medicare Rights' informational website at www.medicareinteractive.org, or call the national helpline at 800-333-4114. Other resources include 1-800-Medicare and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

Your local SHIP can be found at the Steuben County Office for the Aging. Please call 607-664-2298 for an appointment.

“Allan S. Teel, MD, Nationally Known Author and Founder of a Transformational Approach to Aging in Place is Coming to Corning”

Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc. (SSSF) will host a day-long conference with Allan S. Teel, MD, on September 15, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. Teel is a family physician, author of the book “Alone and Invisible No More, and founder of Full Circle America. Dr. Teel's passion and commitment to the thousands of senior citizens he has treated during his 30-year medical career has driven him to speak out forcefully on the eldercare crisis facing our communities and our country and to develop this new approach. SSSF's hope is to replicate his project in our area. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this life-changing approach to caring for our elders.

“Teel's pioneering stay-at-home approach shifts the focus from medicalized care to empowering older adults to serve as resources for one another. His project moves our dialogue about aging forward in one great leap”. –Dennis McCullough, MD, Associate Professor of Community and Family Medicine, Dartmouth Medical School.



NEWS FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN BOARD

There are some NEW faces in the Town's Offices. Bookkeeper Joyce Apenowich, who was extremely helpful to the Board and to Town Residents during her five years on staff, has moved to New Hampshire to provide care for her aging Mother. Although Joyce will be missed, Becka Kirch has been oriented to the Bookkeeper role, and is now serving the Town's administration and the citizens of Pulteney.

The very sad news of Steve Cheney's fatal farm accident has been difficult for Pulteney residents. Among his many contributions to our Town, Steve served as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

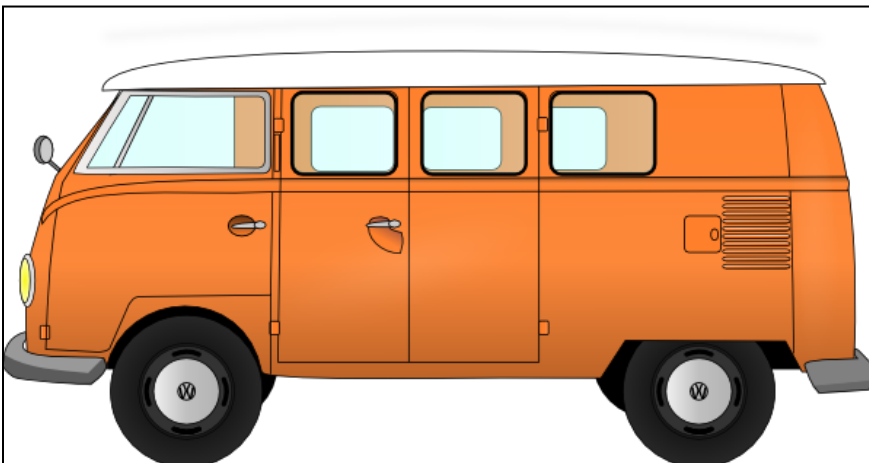
PULTENEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Spring has sprung and so are the flowers, bushes, and trees planted at the community garden. Once again we have had seeds donated to plant wonderful vegetables to share with local residents. Remember, anyone can help themselves to the produce growing in the garden unless it is marked as a private bed. Private beds will be marked conspicuously. We are always in need of soil and any donations you would like to share.

We are looking forward to beautiful flowers and bountiful harvests of vegetables. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact the Pulteney Town Clerk for contact information.

EASY RIDER SENIOR TRANSPORT

A new transportation service that will assist older residents in all four aging in place projects is now underway. EASY RIDER will be providing transportation by van to area grocery stores for those who can no longer drive to the store themselves. The van will be driven by a member of the OFA staff who will also coordinate days and times of the service for each area of the county. We are looking for riders from the Pulteney area so that we can develop an on-going route.



Do you need transportation or do you know a family member or neighbor that could benefit from this service? For more information or to make a referral for service, call the Office for the Aging at 607-664-2298.

Pulteney Free Library

P.O. Box 215

Pulteney, NY 14874-0215

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CALENDAR:

July 17, August 7 & 21 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

July 18 - 1:00 - 3:00- Crystal Clay Jewelry Making with Ann Recotta - Pulteney Free Library

July 25 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Pulteney Firemen's Auxiliary Craft Fair - Pulteney Fire Hall

July 31, August 1 & 2 - 6:00 - 9:00 - Acrylic Painting with Brett Steeves - Pulteney Free Library

August 29 - 1:00 - 4:00 - Japanese Brush Painting with Kathy Gill - Pulteney Free Library

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

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

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- Pulteney Free Library
- A grant to the Steuben Senior Services Fund (SSSF) from Keuka Area Fund of the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.
- The Town of Pulteney
- First Presbyterian Church of Pulteney
- Pulteney Fire Department

