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IN MEMORIAM: ANN ANTIL

by Former Mayor Walter R. Lynn



Everyone was greatly saddened by the untimely death of Ann Antil. Ann's history and reputation as a generous and caring citizen was greatly expanded when she undertook in 2001 to serve as a Trustee of the Village of Cayuga Heights. Her latent professional management skills quickly surfaced in her role as a member of the Village Public Works Committee. As an early-morning walker, Ann was able to view first-hand many of the challenges that needed the attention of our public works crews.

This intelligent, thoughtful and resourceful person quickly established her credentials as a leading member of our legislative body by accepting the responsibilities as Deputy Mayor. Ann believed that successful Village governance required collaboration and compromise, learning new skills and finding ways to provide leadership while acting in accord with the "public will."

Ann was respected, admired and revered by all. She is missed.



Mayor Jim Gilmore, the Board of Trustees and all Staff Members of the Village of Cayuga Heights would like to express how much Ann Antil's wise, thoughtful and charming presence will be missed. Our sincere condolences to her husband Fred and her entire family.

CHANGES IN CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLLING PLACES

The Tompkins County Board of Elections recently changed the polling places of many Village residents. This change was necessitated in part by a need to reduce the costs associated with voting. Other factors were the safety and security concerns about voting at the fire station expressed by Fire Chief George Tamborelle.

There are 74 voting districts across the county; the number of polling sites has now been reduced to 43. Fewer poll sites means fewer election inspectors. Also, by consolidating polling sites, fewer new voting machines were needed. The Board of Elections purchased 45 new machines. Each machine, including set-up, costs about \$12,000. Fewer machines also means less preparation time. All this adds up to a substantial savings. The new machines will at first be used by the county's disabled voters.

In the Village, voters from districts 6 & 7 will go to BOCES on Warren Road to cast their ballots and those from districts 8 & 9 will vote at the Congregational Church on Highland. A few years ago, a small election district was created which includes Kendal at Ithaca and some nearby streets; this district votes at the Kendal complex. Village residents received yellow postcards before the primary election notifying them of this change.

During the last 2 weeks of October, Villagers will receive a postcard from the Board of Elections reminding them that their polling place may have changed. Elizabeth Cree of the Tompkins County Board of Elections suggests that all voters take this card to their poll site on election day; it may be helpful to show it if questions arise. For up-to-the minute information, visit the Board of Elections Web site <votetompkins.com>.

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 Deputy Mayor.....David Donner
 Clerk.....Norma Manning
 Deputy Clerk.....Mary Jane Neff
 Engineer, Supt. Public Wks.....Brent Cross
 Asst. Supt. Public Wks.....Jeff Frisbie
 Chief of Police.....Thomas L. Boyce
 Fire Chief.....George Tamborelle
 Treasurer.....Jeff Silber
 Justice.....Glenn Galbreath
 Historian.....Carol Sisler

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David Donner, Diana Riesman, Roy Staley

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SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS

The Courier welcomes your comments, ideas, photos and illustrations. Send them to <courier@cayuga-heights.ny.us> or to Diana Riesman’s mail slot in the Village office.

The drop slot



The drop slot is to the left of the front door of Village Hall.

THE VILLAGE DROP SLOT
by Norma Manning, Village Clerk

Many have asked where the "blue box" for the water payments went, and where the "brown mailbox" disappeared to that used to be at the side of the Village Hall parking lot. Well, the "brown mailbox" was retired due to age. The seams were leaking and anything dropped in the box turned into a soggy mess. The "blue water payment box" was painted brown, and has been moved indoors and is now attached to the back of our new drop slot. The drop slot is to the left of the front door of Village Hall, as seen in the picture. This slot is accessible to everyone, whether the Village Hall is open or closed. ALL Village business can be put in the drop slot--Police business, Court business (including Court fines) and Village business, which, of course, includes payments for tax bills and water bills. The drop box is checked daily (and during tax and water payment times, multiple times per day) so your payments will be receipted the same day you drop them in (if it is a week day). If you have any questions about our new drop slot, please give the Clerk's office a call at 257-1238.

CORRECTION

The article about the Cayuga Heights election in the Summer issue should have read "...Ronald Bors, David Donner, and Diana Riesman were elected Trustees with vote totals of 346, 312, and 340, respectively. Other Trustee candidates were James Bisogni (294), Elizabeth Mount (283), and Anita Watkins (294).

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK...*by Mayor Jim Gilmore*

Dear Neighbors, It's been about six months since the election and the Supreme Court Judge declared a new VOCH Mayor. It's a privilege to serve and I'm optimistic we make a difference.

My primary responsibility in the first 3 months, in addition to passing a reasonable budget, was to join our Police Chief and Village Treasurer in sincere, thorough negotiations with our Police Benevolent Association (PBA) which represents our Police Department. This process was time consuming and comprehensive for both the PBA and Village Administration and Trustees. We've reached a handshake agreement subject to PBA and Trustee ratification. We are ironing out some mutual health insurance savings details before this vote can be taken.

The Deer Remediation Advisory Committee (DRAC) has been officially formed. The members are assessing deer overpopulation in full with a goal of resolution. Future DRAC meetings will be open to all residents of Cayuga Heights so villagers may observe the deliberations. My recommendation to DRAC is to cull the herd, safely, sustainably, and affordably over the next few budget cycles, bringing the numbers within recommended Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) levels. The Food Bank of the Southern Tier, which serves about a dozen organizations in Tompkins County, is interested in the venison, especially in these challenging financial times. It has warehouse capacity, refrigerated trucks, and DEC approved meat processors to handle the meat.

DRAC is discussing deer overpopulation and the ramifications, and possible remediation avenues. DRAC's recommendations will be brought to the Board of Trustees and Village Residents for review.

Pleasant Grove Road, minus roadside grass growing, is done. Marcham Hall's greenhouse has been rehabilitated. Staffing positions at the Village are at budget. Used equipment sales and new purchases are underway. NYSEG on E. Upland Rd. should be done in time to clean up before winter, and the Chemung Bank Building and Olver Office Building are progressing.

Stay tuned to our website, or stop in to see us....

FALL'S HERE!*by Police Chief Thomas Boyce*

It's hard to believe that the Fall season is already upon us! I'm still trying to figure out how summer has passed so quickly.

I'd like to thank everyone in the Village for their vigilant watch over our community and for reporting all suspicious activity to the police department this summer. We had

great success keeping crimes and theft and burglary down. And that was accomplished through vigilant patrols and the community reporting suspicious behavior.

Now we have to start thinking about Fall and there are a few helpful reminders that have to be addressed. The new school year has begun and there is a lot more pedestrian traffic to contend with. There are those big 40 foot long yellow school buses with huge stop signs and red blinking lights on them that we have to stop for. Not just because it's the law, but because they are picking up our most precious resource - our children. The college students are back and that means there will be a lot more vehicular traffic throughout the Village. And finally, we will have to contend with the deer mating season. The deer are more active during this time of year and they become more erratic. Please watch out for the deer because they will not be looking out for you as they cross the roadways.

The entire Tompkins County Law Enforcement community, Fire Department, EMS Services and Emergency Rescue units will be switching over to the new 800 MHZ radio system this fall. The new system has been in the works for many years and is finally coming to fruition. There are many past and present administrators, throughout the entire county, who have worked hard to make this new radio system come together and they are to be commended. The new radio system will enhance our ability to communicate with other emergency service agencies throughout the county to better help the communities that we serve.

Have a safe Fall.

HAVE A BLAST... AN E-MAIL BLAST!!!!

Denizens of Cayuga Heights can stay in touch with the Village through our Website, The Courier, and now through an **E-Mail Blast!** In our on-going effort to improve the communication between the Village and its residents, we'd like to announce the new Village of Cayuga Heights **E-Mail Blast!**

Maybe you want to know more about what is going on in the Village. Maybe you want to attend a monthly Board meeting. Maybe you would like to know if there's construction on a certain road, or if there's a water main break.....the **E-Mail Blast** will keep you *au courant*.

Here is how it works: You'll soon be able to receive an **E-Mail Blast** e-mail on your home and/or office computer. It will be short, sweet and to the point. Information will only be updated during normal business hours. We promise not to inundate you.

To sign-up, all you have to do is send your e-mail address to <mailinglist@cayuga-heights.ny.us> and you will be added to the **E-Mail Blast** list. It's as simple as that. Or go to our website <www.cayuga-heights.ny.us> and click on **E-Mail Blast**. (If you ever want to unsubscribe, send your request to that same e-mail address.) We hope you'll join our list.

DEER REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

by Kate Supron

The current incarnation of the Cayuga Heights Deer Remediation Committee began its work in August with the goal of identifying and implementing a solution to our burgeoning and ever bolder deer population. Committee members are Mayor Jim Gilmore, CH Village Trustee David Donner, CH Village Police Chief Tom Boyce, and Cayuga Heights residents John Hermanson, Mike Mangione, and Kate Supron, and new member and resident Elizabeth Mount.

While many residents enjoy seeing the deer, the number of deer is more than double the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's recommended population for a Village the size of ours. The recommended population density per square mile is 20-40 deer. As our Village is 1.4 sq. miles, the "ideal" number should be around 60. The last official estimate was from winter, 2006, which placed the number of deer at 147. This leads to significant public health and public safety concerns, as well as a decrease in the health of the herd and the degradation of our local ecology. Deer-vehicle collisions are a serious risk to residents and others traveling our roads. Lyme disease, spread by deer ticks, is now prevalent in outdoor domestic pets and is an increasing threat to the human population. Other bacteria can be transmitted to humans through contact with deer feces. In addition to health and safety concerns, homeowners are concerned for their property values from deer related damage to their landscaping and gardens. The current population density of deer in Cayuga Heights threatens our local ecology (native plants and other native animals), our health and safety, and our property values.

Deer Committee members have researched all known options in deer management. A combination of approaches will most likely be needed to bring the population back to the recommended level. A research summary is posted on the Village website. The Committee is considering a proposal initially put forth by CH Police Chief Tom Boyce to cull the deer in the safest and most humane possible manner. The culled animals would be donated to the Southern Tier Food Bank to help alleviate hunger in Tompkins County and other surrounding Central NY counties.

Committee members have met with Cornell University researcher Paul Curtis, and spoken with many Village residents active in previous deer remediation efforts. Contact has been made with the Department of Environmental Conservation and David Riehlman of the Cortland DEC Office attended our September 30 meeting to answer questions. We have an ongoing effort to contact other municipalities that have implemented similar deer

remediation programs, and to speak with representatives from surrounding communities.

In response to feedback from Villagers, the Deer Remediation Committee is making changes to open the process of our work to all interested residents. Committee meetings are open to the public and will be posted in advance on the Cayuga Heights website <www.cayuga-heights.ny.us>. We have invited new members to join the committee to broaden input. In the coming weeks, we will continue our efforts to inform and educate the public about the various management options through public forums and mailings. Once we adopt a final proposal we will work to build and then measure public support. No solution can or will be implemented without public support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact a member of the Deer Remediation Committee.



This two-sided sign is located in front of the Village Hall.

HURRICANE MISSION - TWICE!

by Fire Chief George Tamborelle

On August 27, 2008, with Hurricane Gustav heading across the Caribbean, we at Bangs Ambulance got a call to head to Louisiana. My wife Lindsay and I decided that we could manage a deployment. Lindsay had just started medical school in Syracuse and my daughter was starting first grade. We knew it would be a strain but a manageable one.

Bangs sent two paramedic level staffed ambulances south within 10 hours of receiving the request. We traveled 1400 miles to Alexandria, Louisiana, and arrived two days before Gustav hit the coast. Our ambulances were immediately placed in a Task Force of 25 ambulances, further broken down into Strike Teams. I was assigned as Strike Team

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leader of a team including the Bangs ambulance, three from Virginia and one from South Carolina. We went to work right away, evacuating nursing homes and hospitals.

We were stationed in Alexandria to keep us out of the path of the storm but Hurricane Gustav rolled right over Alexandria as a Category 2 storm. It was amazing to see the force of nature from inside the eye of the storm. Three hundred ambulances sat in the parking lot of Louisiana State University while 600 Paramedics and EMTs watched the storm. No missions could be dispatched until the winds dropped below 75 MPH. Once the storm passed, recovery started on fixing power lines and opening roads. Then, the ambulances could move people home from evacuation sites. Crews also staffed the shelters with medical personnel for those with no homes left. Nine days after we left Ithaca, a replacement crew arrived and we returned home.

Then, Hurricane Ike moved through the Gulf and made landfall in Texas.

I had been home just 6 days when my pager went off. Galveston had been hit hard and people were missing. Houston had a lot of damage as well. The crews that had replaced us in Louisiana had been moved to Texas. They were now exhausted and needed to be replaced. I was deployed to Houston, along with three other Bangs employees.

At the Reliant Center in Houston, there were 400 ambulances and search & rescue teams from all over the country. It was much like the mission in Louisiana. We staffed mobile hospital units and moved sick people from the Houston area to San Antonio and Dallas. When power was restored and roads opened, we started to move people back from shelters to their homes. This time, I commanded a strike team with units from Oregon, Washington, and a unit from the Boston area (which, as a Yankees fan, was hard for me). We worked steadily for seven days, often late into the night, falling asleep in the front of the ambulances. On September 15, we were demobilized and started our journey home. It took us 2 days to get here. It's good to be home.

I'm asked often if it's worth it, all the training and the time away from family. The answer is yes. The gratitude of those we help is very evident. People are amazed that we traveled all the way from New York to help them. Working with ambulance personnel from all over the country is fun. And hearing that my daughter was bragging to her friends that her dad was in Louisiana for "another hurricane" makes me swell with pride. Knowing that we are helping make a chaotic situation a little easier makes it all worth while.

PUBLIC ACCESS TV

Many Ithaca area residents have a rich array of community programming available to them on three public access TV channels, 13 (public), 15 (government), and 16 (education) because of the cable franchise agreements between the City of Ithaca, Town of Ithaca, the Village of Cayuga Heights and Time Warner Cable (TWC). PEGASYS Access Television Center at 519 W. Green Street in Ithaca was established under these agreements to provide the studio space and equipment needed for local residents to create and broadcast their own programs. In 2007, there were about 720 original, locally-produced programs shown on channel 13, many covering local events such as music performances, lectures, art shows, Musefest, Grassroots, and Light In Winter. School board meetings and City, Town, and County meetings are cablecast on public access channel 16. In addition, equipment has been purchased for video production programs in local schools. Boynton Middle School was a recent recipient.

The participating municipalities receive a franchise fee from TWC based on the company's gross annual revenues. TWC deducts 0.5% of gross revenue from that fee to staff the PEGASYS Access Center. Cable subscribers pay 15 cents per month which is earmarked for equipment (capital) purchases. Capital budgets are submitted annually to the three municipalities for approval.

Under terms of the franchise, an Access Oversight Committee was created to monitor and make rules for the public access television, relating to hours of operation, staffing, and the equipment, or capital, budget. Wies van Leuken serves as the Village representative to this committee, which also includes 3 members from the City and 1 member from the Town. The Committee meets monthly.

Wies currently produces "Over the Shoulder", a 60-minute program premiering on Tuesdays at 9 PM, and repeating Wednesday, 1:30 PM, Thursday, 9 AM and Saturday, 11 PM. A list of her shows over the past few years reveals an amazing range of topics from child soldiers to slavery archeology to a Fred Ho Concert to the roller derby. Wies's interest in producing these shows grew out of a desire for the community's voice to be heard. She would love for more people to start making their own programs, thus increasing the variety and quality of programs on the public access channels.

Wies would like to see PEGASYS programs included in TV schedules provided by the local print media and by TWC as a way to increase community access's audience. To see a schedule of programs of interest or to sign up for the next video class, visit the PEGASYS Web site <http://www.pegasysaccess.org/>.

**LAW AND ORDER IN CAYUGA HEIGHTS:
AN INTERVIEW WITH
JUSTICE GLENN GALBREATH**

by Caroline Ware Rusten

On a pleasant Tuesday evening in September, I attended a court session in the village hall. Glenn Galbreath was



presiding with court clerk Patricia Kannus at his side. The cases that day were all driving violations of various kinds. To those appearing before him, Glenn patiently explained their rights and made sure they understood them, taking special care with foreigners. With guilty pleas, fines were quickly assigned and paperwork handled by Ms. Kannus.

Glenn has been the justice for the village of Cayuga Heights since 1991, when he was appointed to serve out the term of departing justice William Tucker Dean. Since then he has been reelected to four 4-year terms. He says of his work, "It is a very interesting position and furthermore, it gives me an opportunity to do public service." It is also definitely a commitment of time. Glenn holds session five times a month and often works outside of court time. And there are the occasional calls in the middle of the night for him to set bail.

In 1986, he took a position as clinical professor of law at Cornell's Law School. He brought 18 years of experience practicing law in northern Ohio, ten years as a civil rights attorney. Among the cases he was involved in were the desegregation of police departments, unions and housing. But as village justice, he has gained a new perspective on the law. "It's easier to be an advocate. As a judge, your job is to get it right. It might mean ruling in favor of someone you might not have a lot of sympathy for."

New York State has 3300 judges and justices, 2200 of whom are village and town justices, and of those, 85% are not lawyers. Currently, all new justices have a two-week training course that Glenn says is "nice but inadequate." He is part of a committee to examine expanding this training period. In addition, all non-lawyer justices have an additional 12 hours of training every year.

Some have proposed a district court system for New York State to make all members of the judiciary attorneys. Glenn himself thinks this is "unlikely." He cites three reasons, beginning with a loss of community control. "Every court is different, has its own personality, issues it pays special attention to." In Cayuga Heights, emphasis is on public safety, such as speeding, alcohol and drug abuse. "These are of particular concern in a small residential area," he explains. Then there might not be enough

lawyers willing to take judgeships because that would limit the courts where they could practice law. And although lawyers may be more comfortable with legal procedures, Glenn says, "There is a sense by the public that non-lawyer judges sometimes are better at getting to the just results than lawyer judges who tend to be more technically oriented."

Glenn's desire to do his duty led him to a three-year stint in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970. He eventually went to Officers Candidate School and served as a Lieutenant in Military Intelligence. Later, after his return to civilian life he actively demonstrated against the Vietnam War.

After his military service and legal work in Ohio, Glenn and his family moved to Ithaca. His wife, Sandy, is a school counselor with the Onandaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES. His older daughter is a designer in Ithaca with HOLT Architects and his younger daughter is pursuing a master's degree for a career as a nurse practitioner.

Glenn's interests extend beyond our legal system. After his two daughters left home, he and Sandy decided to take part in Cornell's Faculty-in-Residence program. They spent six years - "the maximum," he interjects - living and even dining with the students in South Baker Hall, "one of those old Gothic dormitories." He continues, "it kept us busy, but it was so interesting. The students were from all over the world." He describes the 10 pm study breaks with 12 dozen homemade cookies, and trips with students to Ottawa, to New York City for a baseball game, or a kayaking adventure.

Kayaking, of course, never interfered with court time. As our justice, Glenn would like to invite villagers to sit in on a session. Court is held on Tuesday every week at 6 pm and the first Thursday of every month at 5 pm, when, usually, more interesting cases are heard. "Visitors can come and go as they please," he hastens to add. There is no obligation to stay for the entire session.

Note: A report on recommendations for town and village justices appeared in the Ithaca Journal Sept. 18. The proposal to go to a district court system and have only lawyer-justices was, as Glenn explained, deemed by Chief Judge Judith Kaye, "not realistic or feasible."

KENDAL BLOOD DRIVE - CANCELLED

There will not be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Kendal at Ithaca on November 5 as had been planned. Betsy Schermerhorn said that the Red Cross did not have enough people to staff the event.

...AND TAKING A HIKE

Don't forget it's good weather for walking and the Kendal trails are open. The standard courtesies should be observed - check out the information on the signs. Dogs are welcome if they are on a leash and their owners pick up after them.

UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

A report from Beatrice Szekely

Steve Gordon and I represent Cayuga Heights on the (Cornell) University Neighborhoods Council (UNC), carrying on the work of our predecessor Molly Shoemaker. The members of the UNC come from civic associations in neighborhoods surrounding Cornell, such as Ellis Hollow and Collegetown, from university residential units, such as Hasbrouck Apartments, and from relevant administrative departments, such as Residence Life and Off-Campus Housing. At UNC meetings, Cornell shares its planning projects, often construction-related, and the representatives share neighborhood news and offer input and feedback to the University. Areas of current interest are highlighted below.

Transportation: A recent study indicated that commuters would be more likely to take the bus if buses ran more frequently. That would, however, increase traffic on the Village streets.

An innovative local program to reduce commuting has gotten underway; some 400 persons have joined the Cornell-affiliated Ithaca Car Share service. For an annual \$50 fee, pooled vehicles may be reserved for member use. Anyone can join, and students are eligible for free membership. For details, see <www.ithacacarshare.org>.

Master Plan: The Cornell Master Plan for the Ithaca Campus <<http://masterplan.cornell.edu>> is intended to guide the physical development of the campus precincts during the next two years.

The new daycare center for children of Cornell students, faculty and staff has recently opened on Pleasant Grove Road.

East Hill Plaza will be the location of a forthcoming, mixed-use development - residential, commercial, and retail - contingent on securing the financial resources. Collegetown development is currently stalled by the moratorium imposed by the City of Ithaca.

There was a presentation about the new Milstein Hall in the College of Art, Architecture and Planning, across Fall Creek Gorge from Cornell Heights. University Avenue will likely be closed off to vehicular traffic during this project, slated to run from March, 2009 until December, 2010. However, pedestrian traffic will be maintained. The footpaths below the Foundry building on the north side of University Avenue may be renovated and connected to the suspension bridge.

Deer reduction: Cornell hopes to reduce the deer population which does so much damage on campus lands. A Web site has been created to share information <<http://wildlifecontrol.info/deer/Pages/default.aspx>>. The herds are to be managed and culled with different methods in

two zones. Within a core campus zone of 1,781 acres, a deer fertility control study has been initiated; fertility control, fencing and repellants will be employed. In outlying campus areas, some 1,438 acres comprised of agricultural fields, woodlots and natural areas, limited hunting will take place.

Village residents are welcome to attend the UNC meetings at the East Hill Office Building. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 21, from 7 to 8:30 pm, If you have questions or comments, I (Bea Szekely) can be reached at Beatrice@twcny.rr.com and Steve can be reached at sgrdn3@gmail.com. We'll be happy to hear from you.

ACTION AT THE CORNERS



At the corner of E. Upland and Hanshaw

Brent Cross reported on the Olver building project: "I expect to issue a building permit any day. As approved by the Planning Board, the building will be a residential-style 'one and a half' story office building with space for up to 3 small tenants, or one larger tenant. The building meets all of the zoning regulations for the Commercial District. A new parking area will share the existing driveway on the E. Upland Road side, with no new curb-cut on Triphammer Road. A stormwater drainage system will be provided on-site."



The Chemung Canal Trust Company project is moving ahead also.

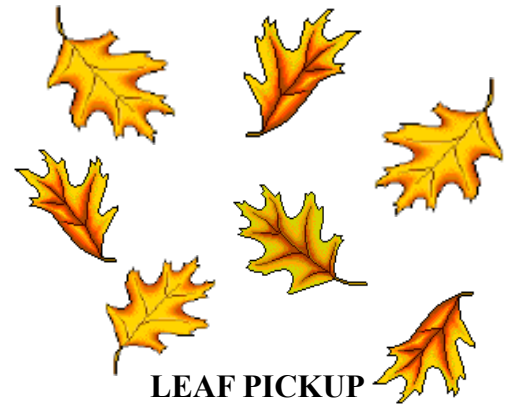
**HAVE A PUBLIC WORKS QUESTION...
WHOM DO YOU CALL?**

Water? Sewer? Garbage? Snowplowing? Roadwork? Construction? These are all topics that you might have a question about and need to know whom to call.

When it comes to issues that are to be done by the Department of Public Works (DPW) crew on a routine or regular basis, you need to contact Jeff Frisbie who is the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. Jeff is responsible for the scheduling of the staff at the DPW and can answer questions about daily activities such as garbage/refuse pick-up, snowplowing, minor street repairs, water/sewer leaks, ditch cleaning, etc. Jeff can be reached between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm at 257-6166. You may need to leave a message, but Jeff will try to get back to you within 24 hours.

If you have a question about an individual public works project or major repair, you can contact Brent Cross who is the Village Engineer. Brent is responsible for the design and budgeting for major projects in the Village right of way (ROW) like full street reconstruction, water/sewer main replacements, or other new infrastructure. Brent can be reached between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm at 257-5536. You may need to leave a message, but Brent will try to get back to you within 24 hours.

If you have a question about construction on private property (not a public works project), you need to contact Brent Cross who also enforces the local Zoning Ordinance and the NYS Building and Fire Code.



LEAF PICKUP

Beginning October 15 each year, the Village DPW picks up leaves with a vacuum trailer. This work continues until approximately December 15. Here's important information for Villagers:

*You must rake your leaves to the shoulder of the road (not into the ditches).

*Do not include tree branches, stones or earth.

*Be sure there are no sticks or stones mixed in with the leaves as this damages the vacuum machines.

*The crew will work in the area of the Tuesday garbage route on Mondays and Tuesdays, and in the area of the Thursday garbage route on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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Garbage pickup is delayed **ONLY** when a holiday falls exactly on your assigned day.

PICKUP SCHEDULE

WEEKLY PICKUPS
Refuse: Tues or Thurs,
by neighborhood.

MONTHLY PICKUPS
Brush - 1st Friday
Bulky Trash - 3rd Friday

	Brush	Bulky	Recycling
NOV	7	21	7, 21
Thanksgiving Nov 27 refuse pickup will be on Friday, Nov 28			
DEC	5	19	5, 19
Christmas Dec 25 refuse pickup will be on Friday, Dec 26			
JAN	2	16	2, 16, 30
New Years Day Jan 1 refuse pickup will be on Friday, Jan 2			
FEB	6	20	13, 27
MAR	6	20	13, 27
APR	3	17	10, 24
MAY	1	15	8, 22
JUN	5	19	5, 19

A LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN

by Beth Saulnier

There's a not-so-secret garden at the confluence of six village streets—a small triangular slip of land, with a stately Rose of Sharon as its centerpiece, that neighbors have long tended as a labor of love. It's located where White Park Road, Highland Road, Kline Road, Oak Hill Road, and Parkway Place meet, just a few steps from the front door of Michael and Vivienne Morley. The Morleys, retired Cornell mathematicians who have lived in their Highland home for four decades, started gardening the plot about ten years ago. Its previous caretaker was Midge Wilson, who'd plant annuals and regularly roll a push-mower down from her Oak Hill Place home to clip the grass. But as Michael recalls with a laugh: "When she turned eighty-five she said, 'I'm too old for this.' And we thought, 'Well, it's there. Who else is going to take care of it if we don't?'"

When the surrounding streets were repaved a few years back, the triangle got enlarged, offering a slightly wider horticultural canvas. While Vivienne had always been an avid gardener, health concerns eventually prompted the Morleys to hand over care of the little garden to their professional landscaper, Jacquelyn Lederman, who has planted Russian sage, coreopsis, alyssum, salvias, azaleas, barberry bushes, and more. Although the garden's beauty has dimmed with the advent of fall, in season it's a riot of purples, pinks, whites, and yellows. "It's nice to look out your window and see it," says Vivienne. "We hope it makes people feel good and starts their day off right."



Michael & Vivienne Morley by Beth Saulnier

Keep your eyes open for more dramatic plantings next spring, as the Morleys say that Lederman is a "very ambitious" landscaper with bigger plans for the triangle. But here's one fact that will have every Cayuga Heights gardener green with envy: According to Vivienne, the Village's voracious deer tend to leave the plot alone.

Do you have a suggestion for a feature story in the Courier? Please send your ideas to Beth Saulnier, features editor, at bethsaulnier@gmail.com, or call 257-8150.



Byrnes and some of his teammates

ANDREW BYRNES WINS OLYMPIC GOLD

by Jim & Terri Byrnes

Andrew Byrnes, who grew up on Cayuga Heights Road, rowed to a gold medal with his teammates in the Canadian Men's Eight at the Olympics in Beijing on August 17. Byrnes was born in Toronto and has dual Canadian and US citizenship. He learned to row at Ithaca's Cascadilla Boat Club, continuing at Bates College, and then at Philadelphia's Vesper Boat Club, while earning a Masters Degree at Penn. During his collegiate years, he became involved with the Canadian National Team's development program and has been training with the team on a full time basis since January 2007.

Andrew won medals in international competitions in 2005 and 2006 and earned a spot in the team's top boat, the Eight, in 2007. This boat won the three World Cup races it entered in 2007 and 2008 as well as the 2007 World Championship Regatta held in Germany. The Eight and its crew was the favorite going into the Olympics and they delivered - winning in a time of 5 minutes, 23 seconds.

Training for this level of competition is a full time job. Andrew said, "We're on the water on the beautiful, calm days and on the cold and dark winter days. Every day of training for the last four or more years has been in preparation for Beijing. ... All the hard work has paid off."

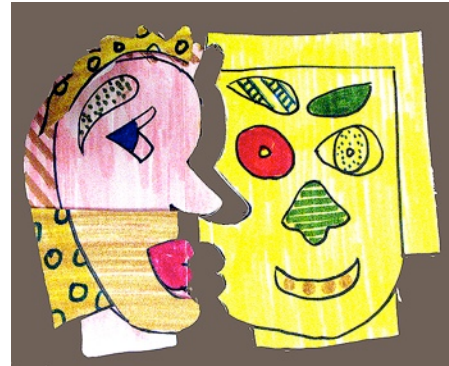
Andrew noted that the Olympics are very special in that the whole world gets to participate and the whole world follows the results. He was very impressed by the global significance of the games and said, "It is unfortunate that there are not more events that bring the world together for such a positive cause."

A CHES-KENDAL CONNECTION

Seven years ago this spring, Pam Merola, a 4th grade teacher at Cayuga Heights School, had a great idea, to bring together her students and residents from Kendal at Ithaca. She hoped to combine the academic needs of her students, to learn about interviewing, taking notes, writing biographies, and public speaking, with the social goal of bringing together 2 groups of folks who didn't often interact with each other. The first year, Pam's work was funded by Ithaca Public School Initiative (IPEI) <<http://www.ipei.org/>>, another year by the Institute of Gerontology at Ithaca College, then by Kendal, and most recently, by the CHES PTA.

Each year, there are 4 get-togethers. The students travel to Kendal twice, tour the facilities, share a meal, and interview the Kendal residents with whom they've been paired. The students determine what questions to ask. There are factual questions and "sensitive" questions: what was it like to be a kid in the '30s? what did you do at recess? are you divorced? what it's like to grow old? The residents answer all the questions the kids ask. Based on the answers and anecdotes, the students write up biographical sketches of their Kendal mentors and eventually, combine the anecdotes into a history play. This part of the project receives funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Kendal residents are invited to visit Cayuga Heights School, first to attend the history play which is performed on the stage in the cafeteria, and then to attend a tea, at which they are served an array of delicious treats and sometimes entertained by student musicians. There's also a tour of the school and an exchange of small gifts: journals for the kids and 3-D portraits for the Kendal folks. Robin Gavin is the Kendal contact who works closely with Pam to insure that everyone has an amazing experience.



3-D portrait



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