

In Touch with Locke

APRIL 2005

DID YOU KNOW?

- Five Town seats will be up for election this November — supervisor, two town board seats, clerk and justice. For more information, call the county Board of Elections at 253-1285.

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Clean up days set for May 14

This spring's clean-up day is set for:

Saturday, May 14

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LOCKE HIGHWAY

GARAGE

Clean-up day is for Locke residents only. Proof of residency will be required. Please sort materials before arriving. Roll-offs will be clearly marked for receiving specific materials.

WE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BATTERIES

SCRAP METALS

Bikes with tires removed
Bed springs
Tire rims
Aluminum with glass removed
Lawn mowers (drain oil and gas)
All non-metal materials must be removed from scrap metal before being deposited in its roll-off.

WHITE WARE

Washing machines
Dryers
Stoves
Refrigerators/freezers (there is a \$15 charge for freon removal)
Air conditioners (there is a \$15 charge for freon removal)
Hot water tanks

TRASH

T.V. sets
Empty, dry paint cans



Town residents have the chance to clean up their yards and houses this spring during clean-up day.

Vinyl siding
Toys
Couches/chairs

NEWSPAPERS

All newspapers must be in paper bags or tied in bundles. A truck will be marked to receive newspapers

MAGAZINES

Magazines must be in boxes, bags or tied in bundles. Magazines must be separate from newspapers.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

All cardboard must be broken down (flat) and be clean and dry

BURNABLE ITEMS

Mattresses
Wood window frames with glass removed
Wood construction materials
Wood furniture
Tree branches/brush
Christmas trees
Leaves

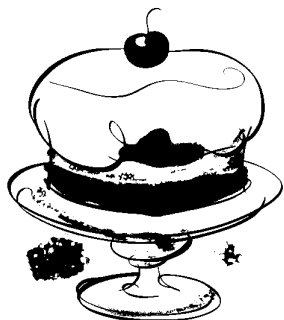
WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Tires
Recyclables
Liquid paint
Oil
Household garbage

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

If you'd like to volunteer to help during Clean-Up Days, please call the highway department at 497-1560.

L.O.C.K.E. Group contributes to community



The L.O.C.K.E. Group always welcomes new members!

Special events attracted many people to the market.

The L.O.C.K.E. Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We would welcome some new members.

In November, we had the election night spaghetti dinner and served approximately 150 meals. In December, we met and decorated Main Street and held the annual Christmas party with Santa for the kids. Thanks to the Locke Highway

Department, a new Christmas tree was planted on the vacant lot owned by Ken and Jean James on Main Street. It was decorated with bows by the children of Locke.

In January, we met and painted about 25 dozen ceramic eggs for the Easter Egg hunt, which was held on March 26. The eggs are supplied by Pat and Charlie Dillon's Red Barn Ceramics.

Prizes are given for L.O.C.K.E. dated eggs and the golden egg for each of the three age groups. The Easter bunny arrived and handed out candy and a lot of fun was had by all searching for eggs in the snow banks.

Our next fund-raiser will be the cake booth at the Locke Firemen's Field Days. Your help with homemade baked items is always appreciated.

News from the Code Enforcement Officer

BUILDING PERMITS

Another year has passed and I'm sure plans are already under way for many new projects. Please remember to include the Code Enforcement Office early on in your planning to avoid any delays when it's time to start your project. I am always happy to answer questions and help people through the permit process.

JUNK VEHICLES

Please remember that the Town Code prohibits more than one unregistered vehicle on a property.

EXPIRED PERMITS

There are many permits that have not received certificates of occupancy or compliance because necessary inspections or electrical inspections were

not completed. This can be a problem when the owner attempts to refinance or sell the property or has an insurance claim. If you have not closed out a permit you obtained over the past four years, please contact me.

Please call with questions or to make an appointment, 730-6327.

— Mike Wellauer

Farmer's market gears up for 2005

The Locke Farmers' Market will start its season at the Locke Volunteer Fire Department's grounds on July 16, 2005 and remain open every Saturday through October 15. Hours are 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Fire Department will be selling coffee, homemade donuts and breakfast sandwiches during market hours. During the 2004 season we had several vendors taking the



This new logo for the farmers' market was created by Robin Dienhoffer, a student in Ken Welgoss' Computer Art class at Moravia High School.

coupons from WIC and Senior

participants. We hope to be doing that again this year. A quilt show is being planned to take place during the market times. If you wish to sell produce, baked goods or crafts at the Market please contact Esther Thornton at 497-0537 or Jean James at 497-3135. The charge is \$5.00 per Saturday and it is not necessary to contract for the entire season.

Remembrance planned for fire anniversary



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that experienced the 1975 Locke fire are invited to be our special attendees. Be sure to read the Shoppers for the date and time in May.

offered. The winner of the flag was Roger Ward of Moravia.

However, Cliff Smith did make a wooden Easter Bunny lawn ornament with lots of colorful Easter eggs to go with it. It is the cutest and most colorful lawn decoration and will be enjoyed by Parker Dickenson each year. His mom, Cindy Dickenson, was the raffle winner drawn at the Easter Egg hunt on March 26. Thanks, Cliff!

A big thank you to those who sold raffle tickets. Your help for the Locke History explorers is greatly appreciated!

— Your Locke Historian, Esther Thornton

Do you realize that the Locke fire of April 10, 1975 was exactly 30 years ago?

The previous large Locke fire was on April 26, 1912 — 93 years ago— on Locke’s Main Street.

Once all of our snowbirds are back home, we are going to have a remembrance gathering. Those

The seven cemetery marker signs have been purchased are ready to put up this spring.

I misinformed you in the October 2004 newsletter. Cliff Smith did not build the illuminated wooden flag that we raffled off. It was a kit that Ardith Coulson put together and painted. I again thank Ardith for all of the help that she has

COMPUTER NEWS

The highway department recently purchased a computer, printer and programs through a grant obtained for us by state Assemblyman

Gary Finch. Because they shopped so well,

money was left

over for our

historian to

purchase a

computer and

programs. Thank

you, Assemblyman

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Busy summer schedule at fairgrounds

The highlight of this year’s Locke Fire Department’s Field Days this year will be the drawing for the winner of a 2004 Orange County Chopper!

The drawing for the bike, a T-Rex Rigid, will take place on Saturday, June 25. Tickets are available for \$50. Send your name, address, phone and the number of tickets you’d like along with a check to: Locke Fire Dept., c/o OCC Raffle

Chairman, P.O. Box 183, Locke, N.Y. 13092. Checks should be made payable to the Locke Fire Department. Ten tickets will be drawn. Tickets 1-9 win \$500 and the 10th tickets wins the motorcycle. Only 2,250 tickets will be sold.

The fair will take place from June 22-25 this year, a little later than usual. Organizers hope for better weather and possibly a visit from the Orange County Chopper crew.

There will be ride specials, fire-works on Friday night and bands on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The fairgrounds will also be busy with the usual summer events — farmer’s market, dog shows, lawn mower races and tractor pulls.

This year, Midlakes Power of the Past will be hosting the State Antique Tractor Pull on Sept. 25. Another tractor pull is set for Father’s Day, June 19.

Flower planting dates set

Volunteers will be cleaning up the town gardens on May 7. If you can help please join us at the Memorial Park on Route 38 at 8:30 a.m.

Flowers will be planted on May 21

(with May 28 as a rain day). We will meet at the Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m. for this event as well. Contact Marty Pilat at 497-0750 or Ken Devine at 497 0492 for further information.

Fire department wins grant

In October 2004, the Locke Fire District #1 was awarded a grant of \$247,500 from the Department of Homeland Security as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, to purchase a new firefighting vehicle.

Congratulations to the fire department!

Town of Locke News

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For story ideas or suggestions, call 497-9184

or e-mail khovis@scccinternet.com



Be sure to visit our wonderful Web site at <http://www.co.cayuga.ny.us/locke/>

The site contains meeting information, town news and lots of great historical photos.

Thanks to Webmaster Jon Velazquez for all of his work. If you'd like to contact him, e-mail jv16@cornell.edu.

Did you know that you can make donations to the food pantry right here in Locke? Emergency food and other necessities are stored in the Milan Baptist Church. Call 497-1874 if you need assistance or wish to donate. Not only food is needed. Paper products, school supplies and personal products are also needed. You may also make donations every Saturday morning during Locke Farmers' Market hours.

Important town numbers

TOWN BOARD

Paul Palmer, supervisor 497-1253
Ken James, deputy supervisor 497-3135
Charlie Mott 497-0899
Julie Henry 497-3953
Jean James 497-3135

PLANNING BOARD

Sara Friend, chairwoman 497-3735
Members: Mara Engelman, Jody Ketchell, Thane Benson

BOARD OF APPEALS

Wayne Clarke, chairman 497-2858
Members: Jody Ketchell, Sandy Ketola, Fay Hacker, Ken Devine

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT

Members: Judy Benoit, Michael Hingston, Jim Naylor
ASSESSOR

Fitts Appraisal Company 1-800-548-8842

TOWN OFFICIALS

Andrew Fusco, town attorney 253-5555
Natalie Hingston, clerk & water collector 497-9338
703 Route 38; Hours: Monday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 3-7 p.m. & Friday, 9 a.m. to 2p.m..

Philip Franklin, Justice 497-0893
Mike Wellauer, code enforcer 730-6327
Hours: Monday mornings, but call for appointment. Other times by appointment. E-mail is mwellauer@yahoo.com
Carl Collier, dog control 253-4367
Ed Sharpsteen, highway superintendent & water district maintenance 497-1560
Julie Henry, fair housing officer 497-3953
Esther Thornton, historian 497-0537

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

(monthly unless otherwise noted)

Town Board: Second Thursday, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Planning Board: First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Locke Seniors: Third Tuesday, noon, Town Hall. Bring a dish to pass and table service.

L.O.C.K.E. Group: Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Appeals: Third Thursday, 7 p.m.

Locke Community Development: Meets as needed,

Contact Jean James at 497-3135 for more information.