

In Touch with Locke

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The Milan Church in Locke operates a food pantry to help town residents in emergencies. They also have clothing available for free. To find out more, call Georgia Akers at 497-1874 or the church at 497-1764.

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Clean up days set for May 13

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

Saturday, May 13

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



Our clean up days help keep the town looking its best. Be sure to take part in this opportunity!

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

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 has busy spring



The L.O.C.K.E. Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. We have two new members, Donna Bouck and Samantha Cabisca.

We started the year at the January meeting painting approximately 25 dozen Easter eggs. We even had some 4- and 5-year-olds helping to paint!

The March meeting we spent

planning a spaghetti supper, which was held on March 25. We are still working toward the new kitchen at the fairgrounds. Repairs have to be made to the building's foundation, etc. before the interior can be done.

The Easter Bunny will arrive at 10 a.m. on April 15 at the Memorial Park on South Main Street and Maple Avenue for the annual Easter egg hunt.

Prizes for the L.O.C.K.E. dated eggs and the golden egg will be given out for each of the three age grounds, 4 and under, 5 through 8 and 9 through 12.

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

— Ardith Coulson, secretary

The L.O.C.K.E. Group hosts many of our traditional community activities! Come join and help out!

CEO reminds about permits, inspections

As spring arrives, our code enforcement officer (CEO), Mike Wellauer, has a few reminders:

If you have a building project coming up, please remember to include the Code Enforcement Office early on in your planning stage to avoid any delays when its time to start your project. I am always happy to answer questions and help people through the permit process, especially when it

may involve other agencies.

Remember that the town prohibits more than one unregistered vehicle on a property.

If you have a permit that has not been completed, please contact the CEO.

The CEO is generally available Monday mornings, but this is subject to change, so make sure to verify appointments and inspections by calling 315-730-6327,

Dyer honored

At the annual Locke Fire Department banquet in January, Chief Ray Dyer III was honored for 35 years of continuous service.

The Department will be having its first "Lots of Loot" drawing in September, which replaces the 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$20 each. Top prize is \$10,000!! For details, see any fire department member.

Farmer's market gears up for 2006

The Locke Farmers' Market will start its season at the Locke Volunteer Fire Department's grounds on July 22, 2006 and remain open every Saturday through October 21. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Fire Department will again be selling hot coffee, homemade donuts and breakfast sandwiches during market hours.



the market. If you wish to sell produce, baked goods or crafts at the Market please contact Esther Thornton at 497-

This year, we will be taking food pantry donations at the market. And new this year is a blacktopped surface, which will help people who use wheelchairs have better access to

0537 or Jean James at 497-3135. The charge is \$5 per Saturday and it is not necessary to contract for the entire season.

The Locke Farmers' Market will begin on July 22!

New faces on town planning board

The recent months have seen several changes to the town of Locke Planning board.



Sara Friend and Jody Ketchell have retired after many years of service. The current board is: Thane Ben-

son, chair, Mara Engelman, Ralph Crandall, John Corcoran and Ralph Montgomery.

The minor subdivision application has been modified. Perc tests and existing town driveway permits will no longer be required.

The board encourages input from the public. Meetings have been

changed to 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Or contact any board member.

We are currently looking for an alternate member. Any resident of the town may apply, no prior experience required.

— Thane Benson, planning board chairman

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

We will again be reading the names of veterans at the Memorial Day ceremony. We would like to recognize all who have served, both living and dead, as well as those who are currently serving. If you know of anyone who should be on our list, please call Marty Pilat at 497-0750.

Locke native writes history of 1975 fire

Annette Amerman was only 1 when the infamous Locke fire struck in 1975. At that time, her dad was a fireman and her mom a member of the ladies' auxiliary.

Now Annette, a civilian historian for the U.S. Marine Corps, is working on a master's degree in history at George Mason University. For her

master's project, she is writing a piece on the 1975 Locke fire, to be published in a scholarly journal. Annette came home in February to view Stuart Powers' fire slides and visit with the Coulsons. She promises to send me a copy of her work!

Many thanks to Kathy Burgman for going on cemetery visits with me.

With Kathy's contact for the Butler Correctional Facility, we may be able to have some cemetery cleanup work done again.

In January, visitors from Utah came to the Monaghan Cemetery to find relatives. It is so surprising to see where researchers travel from!

— Your historian, Esther Thornton

Improvements continue at fairgrounds

This year will bring even more improvements and conveniences to the fairgrounds in Locke.

Renee O'Donnell says that work is continuing to finish the interior of both buildings — the larger building will have bathrooms and office space and the small building will

include a full kitchen and banquet facility available for rental.

Blacktop has already been added to the larger building on the inside and some outside sections.

The Locke Firemen's Fair will be June 21-24, with entertainment, rides, food and other festivities.

There will be dog shows May 13-14 and July 21-23 and a tractor pull is scheduled again for Father's Day, June 18.

Grasscar races will also take place — dates to be announced. Stay tuned!

Flower planting dates set

Volunteers will be cleaning up the town gardens on May 6. If you can help please join us at the Memorial Park on Route 38 at 8:30 a.m.

Flowers (grown again by the Moravia FFA students) will be planted

on May 20 (with May 27 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.

New flag flies

Senator Mike Nozzolio recently presented Pete Compton, Locke Town Highway Superintendent, and his wife Sally with a New York State Flag that will be flown over the Locke Town Monument.



Town of Locke News

Newsletter editor: Kathy Hovis

For story ideas or suggestions, call 497-9184

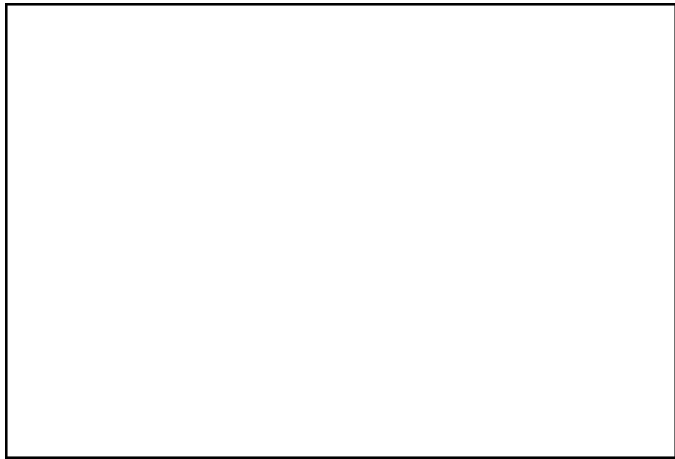
or e-mail khovis@sccinternet.com



Water meter readings coming soon

Our water meters are up and running. The first reading will be in April and letters will be sent out telling residents about their usage.

Actual billing won't start until January of 2007. Stay tuned for more information!



Important town numbers

TOWN BOARD

Jean James, supervisor 497-3135
Julie Parker, deputy supervisor 497-3953
Charlie Mott 497-0899
Paul Palmer 497-1253
Pat Dillon 497-3774

PLANNING BOARD

Thane Benson chairman 497-3427
Members: Mara Engelmann, Jack Corcoran, Ralph Crandall, Ralph Montgomery

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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
Pete Compton, highway superintendent & water district maintenance 497-1560
Julie Parker, 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 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 Ken Devine at 497-0492 for more information.