

Almond Community Newsletter

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FALL 2015



TOWN OF ALMOND

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TOWN BOARD MEETINGS
2nd Tuesday Monthly 6 pm

TOWN BOARD

Richard 'Dick' Stuart, Supervisor
Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Deputy Supervisor

Town Board Members

Lawrence 'Larry' Perry Jr.
Joanne Freeland
Kim Costello

TOWN COURT

Town Justice

Hon. Paul "Butch" Johnson

Court Clerk

Teresa Jaycox

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Arlene McMahon

Assessor

Bobbi Elderkin

Budget Officer/Bookkeeper/Payroll Clerk

Debra Castle-Harvey

Dog Control Officer

Kristina Hurd

Municipal Building Custodian

James Devlin

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department Employees

Jamie Mansfield, Superintendent
Wayne Jefferds, Deputy Superintendent

Rory MacCrea

Joseph McMahon

Justin Bordeaux

PLANNING & ZONING

Code Enforcement Officer

William Ells

Planning Board Members

Vacant, Chairman
Dennis Stachowski
Bill Ells
Vacant
Vacant

Zoning Board of Appeals Members

Don Weiman, Chairman
Tim Drum
Dave Owlett
John Thompson
Vacant

Assessment Board of Review

Keith Stanley, Chairman
Sally Doty
Thomas Stuart
Susan Olix-Anderson
Helen Spencer

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Hello Folks! This is Dick Stuart, Supervisor for the Town of Almond



Fall is here and with it comes budget time. No one likes taxes and I complain more than most. I do want to say, that I am very proud of everyone involved with the Town for doing such a great job of controlling expenses. The Planning Board (which is in dire need of volunteers) has been working on a Comprehensive Plan that will possibly help small, home type businesses, become easier to establish. We have done several surveys and most Almond folks want to remain the quaint "bedroom" type community that we are. By changing some of our Agricultural properties into possible Residential, will hopefully encourage, building new homes.

Once again, I don't want to name names (afraid of leaving someone out) but all of you folks that have given countless hours of your time, know who you are and I commend you for your efforts.

I only have a few meetings left as Supervisor. It has been a wonderful experience and I want to thank the Town Board, the Assessor, the Planning Board, Grievance Board, the Bookkeepers, definitely the Town Clerks and Highway Superintendents and our Highway Crew I'm starting to sound like a professional ball player or something. They always say, I want to thank my mammy, my pappy and the good Lord up above. Thank you to everyone that has helped me with this ride. The Honorable Paul T. Johnson continues to bring money into the Town coffers and Don Weiman continues to help us all sound literate and keeps us "somewhat" in line.

The Lions Community Park is always a source of pride. For years it was run rather haphazardly. We now have an honest to goodness committee that is running the show. It is amazing to see all of the kids involved in the many sports that are offered. Thank you to this bunch of coaches and volunteers that get our youth, away from the electronics and physically active.

I love Almond and can't imagine ever living anyplace else.

Dick Stuart, Town of Almond Supervisor



that our flag is flying properly.

Honoring a Volunteer

We'd love to acknowledge Karl Grantier.

Karl was troubled that our flag was flying at full mast when it was supposed to be flying at half mast. Most of us are not aware of those details and yet for the Municipal Building, this precision concerning the flag is important. Not only did Karl bring this to the attention of both the Town and Village in a respectful and inquisitive manner, but he volunteered to both the Town and the Village to take this duty upon himself so that he can ensure

Many thanks to Karl... a good citizen.

From the Assessor's Office



January 2016 exemption renewal notices will be mailed out. Please be sure to have the proper documentation and signed renewal form back to my office no later than March 1st
Happy Holidays to all!

Bobbi Elderkin

Rent the Municipal Building!



Conference Room



Community Hall

The Almond Municipal building has a hall for \$100 and a conference room for \$50 available to rent for events, activities, etc., with tables and chairs too! To reserve a date and make arrangements contact:

Arlene McMahon, Town Clerk
townclerk@almondny.com
607-276-6665

For those of you on Facebook there's a page
Almond/Alfred Folks
that's a Public Group to help keep informed.
It currently has 496 members.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3RD 2015?

DON'T KNOW OR NOT SURE?

CALL ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
(585)268-9294
MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

NO, YOUR NOT REGISTERED?

GET A NYS VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

PICK UP ONE AT THE:

- POST OFFICE, OR
- TOWN CLERK, OR
- ONLINE WWW.ALLEGANYCO.COM, OR
- VISIT OR CALL
ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
6 Schuyler St.
Belmont, NY 14813
(585) 268-9294

FILL IT OUT AND SEND IN OR DROP OFF FORM
POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE:
OCT 9TH, 2015

YES, YOU ARE REGISTER TO VOTE?

MARK YOUR CALANDER FOR NOVEMBER 3RD, 2015
GO TO ALMOND MUNICIPAL BUILDING
BETWEEN 6 AM AND 9 PM AND VOTE!!

Town Supervisor – 2 year term

REP – Dawn A Wildrick-Cole

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 2 year term

REP – Teresa L Jaycox

DEM – Quentin J Castle

IND – Kristina J Hurd

(2) Town Board Members – 4 year terms

REP – Lawrence A Perry

REP – Kim R Costello

Town Justice – 4 year term

REP – Paul T Johnson

Voters can 'write in' candidates you feel qualified.

Village of Almond

PH 607-276-5921

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

1st Tuesday Monthly 7 pm

Mayor

John Meehan

Deputy Mayor & Trustee

Dennis George

Trustees

Paul Gabriel

Tim Drum

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Village Clerk/Tax Collector

Lona McIntosh

MON & WED 9 am to 1 pm

Deputy Clerk

Cathy Harvey

Bookkeeper

Larry Zeliff

Code Enforcement Officer

Steve Kilmer

Water Department

Brian Snyder

Almond Volunteer Fire

PH (607) 276-5921

Fire Chief

Andrew Hulbert

1st Assistant Chief

Brian Mc Caffery

2nd Assistant Chief

George Ormsby

Lieutenant

Herbie Schmidt

Foreman

John Kleckner

President

Emily Ormsby

Vice President

Dave Washburn

Secretary

Danielle Hulbert

Treasurer

Ken Almeter

Fire Police Captain

Jim Wilcox

Assistant Fire Police Captain

Russ Allen

Ambulance Company

PH (607) 276-5921

Ambulance Captain

John Ormsby

Vice Captain

Jim Crook

Sec/Treas

Dave Washburn

Village Mayor, John Meehan

Community Days was a wash, this is the first time in a long time that there was constant rain all day long. Most of the activities were moved to the Municipal building. It was too bad that it rained, as the Village was looking really nice, the State had completed the Main Street repaving, and the Park was all set for the activities.



The Village has spent most of the Smart Streets Grant; we purchased a park bench, as well as a trash can for the



Village park, we also purchased a crossing post for the cross walk in front of the Post Office. With the balance that we have left, we are anticipating the purchase of a community display board, to replace the one in the Village Park that Ron Coleman made a long time ago.

The Village Water Department will be meeting with a couple of engineering firms in the near future, to get a cost estimate on upgrading our current water system. This study will give us the planning that we will need to have, if we want to apply for any grants. This will be done in conjunction with the Town to look at the feasibility of expanding the Water system into the Town.

John Meehan

Village of Almond, Mayor

Almond Grange

Almond Grange has served the community or more than 100 years and plans to continue that service. We are continually seeking ways to work with others for the benefit of the community.

Plans for this fall include a Cuba Cheese Sale to support our scholarship fund and other community service activities. Forms are available from any member or by contacting Emily Ormsby at (607) 587-8747. Orders are due by November 21st along with the money. Orders will be delivered before Christmas.

Again this year we are pleased to have an Open Meeting on November 21st at the hall on School Street at 7pm. Foreign Exchange Students from the area will present a program which will highlight their countries and offer samples of their ethnic food. Further information will be coming. This is a free event open to the public.

Emily Ormsby

Secretary Almond Grange

Almond Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company

As fall and winter approaches the fire department would like to remind people to clean your chimney before you start using your woodstove or fireplace for the winter months. Also the Ambulance Corp. is compiling a list of anyone in the community that may have special medical concerns; like being on home oxygen, that we may need to be aware of in the event of a storm that knocks out electrical power for extended periods of time.



We will keep this list at the fire station with this information so if the power does go out we can contact people if needed or they can contact the station. You may send your information via email to:

almondfiredepartment@yahoo.com

or you can mail it to Almond Ambulance
Almond NY 14804.

Stay safe and thank you for your support.

*John
Ormsby*

Almond Community Day

Versatility was the by-word for September 12 in Almond. Rain forced the cancellation of the scheduled parade. Not to be deterred the vendors moved to the fire hall for set-up. The fireman held the boot drive on Main Street amidst the showers.

Eric Carlin set up his equipment at the fire hall and provided musical entertainment as scheduled.

Mother Nature has not always cooperated with Community Day plans but the community is very resilient and perseveres.

The committee thanks all who participated and supported this annual event. We welcome new ideas and more members to the committee. We will meet in late winter to make plans for the September 10, 2016 event.

Chairman Emily Ormsby

(607) 587-8747

Co-chairman Andy Hulbert

(607) 382-6340

Candidates Biographies for November 3rd Election:



Dawn Wildrick-Cole (R) For Supervisor – 2 year term

My name is Dawn A. Wildrick-Cole and I am running for Supervisor of the Town of Almond. I grew up in Cuba, NY on a farm where my family raised beef cattle, chickens and just about everything else you can find on a farm. My father worked as a professor of computer drafting at Alfred State College and my mother managed the house and did some adjunct teaching at Alfred as well.

My career in public service began in 1999 when I began working for the New York State Court System in Rochester where I performed legal review and research for the Monroe County Surrogate Judge. In 2009, my family and I were able to return home when I was able to transfer to Belmont and it was then that Jeremy, myself and our three young sons settled in Almond.

Currently I serve as one of law clerks in the Allegany County Courts. As an attorney and law clerk I work with both Judge Brown and Judge Parker on the various legal matters that arise in their courts. I am on the Board of Directors for the Allegany County Area Foundation, and serve as the Treasurer of the Allegany County Bar Association. Closer to home, I have been involved in the development of the Alfred-Almond Youth Sports Association, a not-for-profit organization that coordinates youth baseball, softball, soccer and basketball leagues and works collaboratively with the town to manage and maintain the Almond Lyon's Park. Most relevant to you, I have served on the Town Board of Almond since January 1, 2011 and as the Town's Deputy Supervisor since 2012, and as such I have had a first-hand view of both the strengths as well as the needs of our hometown.

I would like to see our town continue on its path of good fiscal responsibility, while actively strengthening and improving our infrastructure through strategic and cost effective investments. To keep us on the path, my goal is for the Town to complete an updated comprehensive plan so that we take care of what we have and also be ready for the future. As part of this I hope to help the Town develop a collaborative vision for the its' future, and to find ways to reach our goals without breaking the bank. Strong communities have places to earn and spend money and our zoning needs to be updated to make it easier to establish a business. I welcome and encourage cooperation between local municipalities and partnership with the County to mutually achieve our goals.

Almond is in a great place to be! We have a caring community, a dedicated workforce and group of volunteer first responders. We are also blessed to have active and giving volunteers who help us keep traditions like community day alive (even when it rains!). All of these people are vital to the success of our town and I've been honored to serve among them, and with your support I'll continue to serve with them, helping to keep taxes low and our town moving forward.



Teresa L. Jaycox (R) running for Town Clerk – 2 year term

I wish to utilize this Newsletter to speak to you a moment. My name is Teresa Jaycox and I am a candidate for the Clerk position in our town. I was asked what I want to bring to this position. As a resident who worked days and evenings; I sometimes encountered difficulty being able to access the office during normal posted hours. I learned from the previous and the current clerk that they were understanding of my needs and flexible. I called a couple of times; needing for example a dump pass, dog license, etc., and they worked out a time and a way to meet. I want to practice all the same positive work ethics that previous and present clerks have demonstrated. Perhaps an earlier starting time and later ending time on certain days could better accommodate the working residents better. Weekends hours could be worked in especially during tac crunch times. This will all be determined worth input from the board. Be sure and contact your board members if you want something addressed in the meetings. Living in close proximity removes some anxiety of not being readily available for assisting others. As this is a Public Service Position I am in my comfort zone. As the public you expect to have someone putting your needs first; but with the understanding that policies and procedures have to be adhered to. I would take every opportunity to attend training sessions to make sure I am current with such procedures associated with the job description and duties.

I wish to share some work experience as follows:

I am a Honorable discharged Vietnam Era Veteran of the United States Air Force. Since relocating here in 1985 I have had the pleasure of accumulating office practices, customer service skills, bookkeeping, budget controls, NYS Comptroller Audits, meeting deadlines, confronting difficult situations, and making judgment calls by working for:

- The Steuben County Office of Data Processing
- Office Manager for Canisteo Auto Mart
- A staff person for the Ryan Insurance Agency
- Various Court Clerk positions
- Alfred State College where I collected bill, hall fines, and parking monies
- I also served as Secretary and then Treasurer of the Local 600 Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA).

I am a working class mother of three children blessed with 8 (soon to be 9) grandchildren.

I recently retired from the ASC/Office of Judicial Affairs and have missed the staff and student interaction. Reflecting back on the years of working multiple jobs simultaneously I realize that it has disallowed me to know my neighbors and one of the rewards of holding this position would be connecting to the community and the personal interactions. I would strive to bring the highest standards to this position if allowed to serve in its capacity.

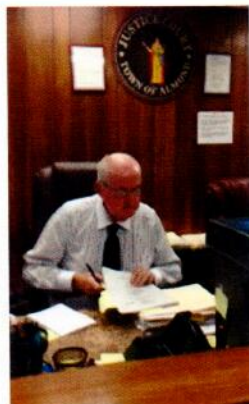
Thank you for the support shown thus far by coming out and voting so I can be considered on the ballot for the upcoming election. This was truly humbling for me... Teresa L. Jaycox

**Quentin J Castle (D) For Town Clerk – 2 year term**

I have lived in Almond for 6 years with my wife, Laura Brace and two sons, Jack (15) & Alex (12). I work at JHL Tecture Architects in Hornell. I was instrumental in achieving the non-profit status and currently hold the position of treasurer for the Alfred-Almond Community Sports Association. AACSA coordinates youth baseball, softball, soccer and basketball leagues and works collaboratively with the town to manage and maintain the Almond Lion's Park. I enjoy gardening and do a talk for "From the Earth – Alfred NY" about Compost Basics. Should I become elected I will establish evening hours to better accommodate the residents of Almond.

**Kristina J Hurd (I) running for Town Clerk – 2 year term****Lawrence A Perry (R) running for Town Board Member – 4 year term****Kim R Costello (R) running for Town Board Member – 4 year term**

I have been an Almond resident for 50+ years. Retired from Town of Almond Highway Department after 15 years of service, 7 years as Superintendent and 7 years as Deputy Superintendent. I was appointed to Town Board in March 2015 to fill a vacancy. Previously a Business owner for 18 1/2 years. I am a Landlord and Land owner in the Town and Village of Almond. Would like to continue to improve the efficiency of highway department resulting in containment of property taxes.

**Paul T Johnson (R) running for Town Justice – 4 year term**

I have lived in Almond for most of my life (I am not going to tell you how many years that is, but it is a long time!) I grew up at 107 South Main Street; Now Saint Brendan's Rectory- I was one of the Alter Boy's to serve the first mass at St. Brendan.

I was the youngest of six children that grew up in that house.

After High School I went to work for the Erie Railroad, in Hornell, worked at the railroad until I was "Drafted" into the US Army, served one and a half years in Germany, and was honorably discharged when I returned to the U.S. After the Army I returned to work at the railroad, and attended Alfred State and Monroe Community College on a part time basis, studying "Police Science".

In 1965, I received an appointment as a "Trooper" in the NY State Police (November 11, 2015 will be the 50th anniversary of my first day at the Academy). The State Police at that time did not have a building they called an "Academy" so we were ordered to report to a motel in the Catskill Mountains by the name of "Schmollingers Honeymoon Lodge". For our 16 weeks - training and believe me it was no honeymoon! There were a 100 recruit troopers and a half dozen new honeymooners each week. It was interesting for both the recruits' and the honeymooners.

I retired from the State Police after 24 years at the rank of "Investigator" in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

I have been the Almond Town Justice since 2007.

My summer hobby is to mow my lawn more times in one week than my neighbor "Mike", but so far I am losing!!

Village of Almond Activities

Almond Twentieth Century Club Library

Read a good book lately? Did you know that Almond has an excellent library right on Main Street? It's located in the big red brick building on the other side of the street from the post office and Mullen Carpets. It offers free internet access, videos, audiobooks, book clubs, yoga classes, children's story times, and educational programs, as well as lots of great books and access to a myriad of materials through the Southern Tier Library System.

It's open Tuesday – Thursday, 2-7 p.m., and Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. PH (607)276-6311

The Almond Library was started over 100 years ago by the ladies of the 20th Century Club for the benefit of the entire community. Today both men and women are welcome to join, and although a portion of the Library's budget is supplied by property tax dollars, a significant amount still must be raised by the members of the Club. One of our on-going fund-raising projects is managing the concession stand for the Alfred-Almond Community Sports Association – we do the shopping and help parents open and close the stand for Youth Soccer games. Another is our annual Election Day Sale which includes a Soup and Pie Luncheon, Quilt Raffle, Basket Auction, and sales of houseplants, greeting cards, and gently-used jewelry. We hope you will join us November 3 for that.

We also hope you will consider joining the 20th Century Club. Our upcoming meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Library on October 13, when we will make decorated book covers, and November 10 when we'll enjoy the musings of Anon A. Mouse, celebrated poet published in the *Alfred Sun*. Annual dues are just \$5, and it's a great place to make friends while serving your community.

We'd also like to let everyone know about recent changes to the library staff. Liz Van Houter will be teaching art at Arkport Central School, so she has stepped down as Library Director. We wish her the best in her new position. Cecily Hardy has agreed to serve as Interim Director, and Mollie Steere has joined us as Interim Assistant. We hope you will allow them to serve you.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Steere*, Co-President with *Helen McKnight*, Almond 20th Century Club

Members of the Alfred-Almond community can rightly be proud of their local public school, but for various reasons, quite a few families choose to teach their children at home. Some may not be aware that there's a support group available. Allegany-Steuben Co. LEAH is the local chapter of the state-wide Christian support network NYS LEAH (Loving Education at Home). We offer encouragement and information along with an educational co-op, moms' nights out, a jr.-sr. high soccer team, and more. Contact chapter leader Susan Steere for more information. Her number is 607-276-6380.

Don't know much about the Bible, but wish you did? There's a Bible study and discussion every Friday from 8 – 9 p.m. at the Steeres, 343 State Route 21. All are welcome.



Yoga at the Almond Library

Weekly Yoga Classes, Thursdays at 5:45 – 7pm.

This class is for beginners to more experienced Yogis and is for ages 14 & up.

\$5 suggested donation.

Local Almond resident, Kristin Buchholz is our instructor.

Side Porch Ballet

The Things You Can Do With Dance by Dr. Seuss

Almond's Annual Side Porch Ballet production by Lauren Norris keeps getting better & better each year! The local kids practice 4 days in the afternoon & have a great time w/ a show on Friday & it's all FREE all week long & Lauren makes all the props & costumes!! Thank you Lauren! The kids love being Green eggs & ham & Yertle the Turtle.



PHOTO BY SIENNA BURNETT

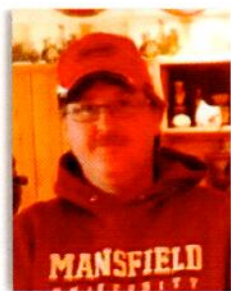
My name is Lauren Norris and I teach ballet at Family Life Network's Center for the Arts in Hammondsport, NY. Five years ago I started a summer ballet workshop at my house called Side Porch Ballet. I have now been given the opportunity to start a ballet studio in Almond at the Grange building.



PHOTO BY SIENNA BURNETT

Classes are on Tuesdays 2:30-3:30, and Fridays 3:30-4:30 for ages 13+, 4:30-5 for ages 3-7, 5-5:30 boys class, with more to come. My goal is to bring glory to God through dance, along with bringing good technique and performing arts to this area. Our first performance will be held at the annual Almond Historical Society Christmas program, which is the first weekend of December at the Almond Union of Churches. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in taking classes, please contact me at sideporchballet@gmail.com or check out my new website coming in November at www.sideporchballet.com for more information.

Town of Almond Highway Department



It is Fall of the year the leaves are changing and we will be changing the trucks over real soon to start fighting old man winter. Fall of the year brings us to making sand in the pit to spread on the roads to get traction then we mix rock salt with it at a 5 to 1 rate. That is 5 parts sand to 1 part salt. Where the State of New York uses straight salt. There are 5 Employees at the Town of Almond Highway department and we plow all the village streets and all the town roads that are not seasonal, we also plow the county roads, County RTE 11 entire length, County RTE 2 From End of Karr dale to County RTE 2A and County RTE 32 entire length. Just the county roads alone are 17.59 center lane miles that means it is 35.18 lane miles that we take of. When we head out to plow on any give snowfall we hit the county roads first as well as bus Routes and then the secondary routes. The town in Split up in 5 Plow routes, One truck does the village and the housing developments, One truck heads south from the shop and heads to County 11 and does all roads off of RTE 11 then Goes Up past Alfred almond school and hits the rest of the Almond roads. The Second truck goes Up County RTE 2 And hits all the roads off RTE 2 And then There are 2 Trucks That head out Bishopville, One of the trucks does all the roads off Bishopville and then the 2 split the rest of the roads off County rte 32 and Bailey Hill. When we are plowing we cover 3 School Districts, Alfred Almond, Arkport and Canaseraga. This is a challenge some mornings being that Everyone runs at different times. Canaseraga has buses out very early in the morning. Allegany county has a snow and Ice policy that all the towns follow. Here Is a link to the policy

http://www.alleganyco.com/btn_DPW/highway/snowicpolicy.pdf. This has A lot of Helpful information.

A couple things to think about as winter comes is your tires. How is the tread wear are they going to get you where you are going. The roads don't have to be snow covered they could be just wet from melting snow hydroplaning can happen in all seasons. When it is snowing give yourself extra time make sure your windshield wipers are in good condition. Clean all the snow off your vehicle instead of just a spot on the windshield. The person behind you will appreciate it. We are out there doing what we can to make your journey as safe as possible. When you meet a plow truck proceed with caution slow down give yourself a little extra room as we are trying to the same thing. Just keep this in mind there is 5 of us for the town we start work at 5 am sometimes earlier and we will go as late as 10pm on different storms that is a long time to be out there. Stay safe and enjoy the up coming holidays.

Jamie Mansfield

Town of Almond
Highway Superintendent
607-276-5240

AA-CSA

Nonprofit Organization gets off on the right foot.

By Quentin Castle

In early spring, in anticipation of the upcoming 2015 park activities, AA-CSA contacted the Allegany Health Department and arranged for a health permit inspection. As a result of this inspection the concession stand has passed and has received its annual health permit. During this same time-frame New York State determined that AA-CSA was a Tax Exempt Organization.

The concession stand was determined to require the collection of taxes so the Application for Sales Tax

Certificate of Authority was submitted to the New York Department of Taxation and the NYS

Certificate of Authority was obtained. AA-CSA has also applied with the State of New York Office of the Attorney General and is now a Registered Charity.



PHOTO BY SHELLY MANSFIELD

This summer the local Girls Scout troop undertook two projects at the park. The Girl Scouts planned and presented their Ideas to AA-CSA who chose an interactive mural and a hopscotch game. As a result of their proper planning and hard work they have successfully completed an interactive mural on the concession stand and added a wonderful hopscotch game to the playground. The AA-CSA Board is very happy with their efforts and anticipate continued work with this group in the future.
Alfred Almond Youth Baseball



PHOTO BY SHELLY MANSFIELD

(AAYB) is an associate league of AA-CSA. AAYB is a springtime league for a variety of ages. The league consists of t-ball, minors, and majors. Our coaches work closely with each child developing skills. During the season there is a fundraiser with proceeds going to a local charity. The past two years the fundraiser supported Allegany County Cancer Services. Players of all skill levels are always welcome! For more information regarding AA-CSA please contact its board at:

Email: aacsa@aaysports.com

Call or Text: [1\(607\)545-1490](tel:16075451490)

and/or visit the website at <http://aaysports.com/>.

Dawn A. Wildrick-Cole, Deputy Supervisor



Fall is upon us! For my household, that means back to school. For my three sons it is a resumption of homework and a "normal" schedule. The first week of school seemed a bit overshadowed by anticipation about the merger vote. The Alfred Almond School District in particular had quite a turnout for the September 10th vote. Election workers were busy non-stop: 716 people cast a ballot. For

the sake of comparison according to the Allegany County Board of Elections, a combined total of 1341 people voted in the last presidential election in the towns of Alfred and Almond. It was good to see so many community members come out to vote and let their voices be heard.

Fall in Almond also means Community Day. Unfortunately we cannot choose the weather and this year Mother Nature decided to remind us of that. Thank you to Julie Ormsby for coordinating the event. Julie patiently and optimistically set up in the park on a sunny Friday evening and quickly and pragmatically adjusted to an indoor venue when it became clear that Saturday's rain would be constant. For those of you who braved the rain, you found an undaunted group of vendors and community exhibitors dry and warm in the fire hall, and much great food to be had. I personally love chicken barbeque and was glad to support my community. Many thanks also to the firemen, the vendors and everyone who helped our town make the most of community day!

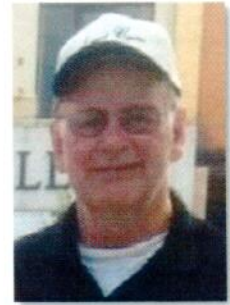
As I mentioned in the prior newsletter, fall is also budget season for municipalities. Every September and October your town board meets extra evenings to put together a proposed budget for the upcoming year and agree upon a proposed tax levy as well. Just like with household budgets, we need to make sure we do not overspend our income. We must meet our basic mandatory expenditures and fund necessary repairs and improvements while keeping adequate amounts in reserves (savings) to meet emergencies. We strive to keep taxes below the 2% tax cap, ideally as low as possible. The proposed budget should be publically available by mid-October in the clerk's office. Please feel free to review it and weigh in with your thoughts. The Public hearing will take place prior to the November town board meeting at 5:45 on November 10 2015.

Finally, fall is also election season. We have four positions which are uncontested this fall, and one excited three way race for town clerk. Please come out and vote on November 3rd. Also, we are looking for some eager public servants willing to take a position on the town planning board. This committee develops a vision and long term goals for the town of Almond; currently it is working on revamping the zoning laws which are in much need of an update. If you are willing to volunteer, your community could use you!

Dawn A. Wildrick-Cole

From The Desk of William Ells Code Enforcement Officer

Recently, the requirements for manufacture homes have changed. A manufactured home is one that is constructed to National Housing Construction and Safety Standards (HUD) in a factory and then assembled on site. A manufacture home will have a sticker and a serial number on the rear



of each section. Usually it is red in color. There is also a data sheet somewhere in the home. Usually it can be found on one of the kitchen cupboard doors. This is in contract to a modular home which is manufactured to the NYS Residential Code. A modular house must be installed entirely with the residential code.

- All manufactured homes after Jan 1, 2006 require a NYS Manufacture Warranty seal and must have a building permit.
- All manufactured homes after Jan 1, 2006 either new or relocated (even within the same park or community) require a building permit and a NYS Installers Warranty Seal.
- Currently building permits should not be issued prior to obtaining a certification number from the individuals involved. Site and foundation plans should also be submitted by the applicant.
- Currently "no person or business entity shall" manufacture, sell, install or service a manufacture home unless the person or business is certified by the state.
- Certificates of occupancy should not be issued until the warranty seals are installed in the largest closet in the largest bedroom.

Manufacture homes must be placed on foundations that comply with the codes. While the code requires the footings and foundation systems to extend below the frost line, there is an exception for foundations systems protected from the frost designed by a registered design professionals.

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Artistic Sewing Products: *Funkensteins* – (585) 403-1177 FB

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Auto: *Two Guys Auto Repair* – (607) 276-2292

Auto: *Alfred Almond Auto* – (607) 276-2238 FB

Bounce House Rentals: *Next Level Recreation* – (607) 661-6059 FB

Concrete: *Hanson Aggregates* – (607) 276-5881

Contractor: *Stevens Contracting* - (607) 382-8137 FB

Contractor: *Four Season Builders – LC & Shawn Clark* – (607) 276-6418

Convenient Store & Gas Station: *7-Eleven* FB

Daycare: *Color Our World* – (607) 542-5587

Dog Grooming: *Nails to Tails*

Drywall: *KP* – (585) 506-7471

Electric: *Snyder Electric* (607) 276-5311

Excavating: *D & G* - (607) 276-6416

Flooring: *Mullen Factory Direct Carpet* - (607) 276-5200 FB

Food: *Quest Farm Produce* (seasonal) - (607) 661-8031 FB

Garage Doors: *Overhead Door* - (607) 276-6773

Gifts & Such: *The Silver Sow's Ear* – (585) 596-9618 FB

German Shepherd Breeder: *Hazzard County Kennelz* - (607) 661-0887 FB

Ice Cream & Weekend BBQ: *Dick & Cheryl's Big Dipper* - (seasonal) FB

Metal Work: *Sundance Forge with Bill Banker* - (607) 276-6956 FB

Painting: *Torrey Painting* (607) 276-2798

Plants: *Comes Greenhouse* – (seasonal) - (607) 276-6178

Ponds: *J & J Construction* – (607) 276-6422

Restaurant & Bar: *Muhleisens* - (607) 276-8811 FB

Sand & Gravel: *Almond Aggregates* - (607) 276-6864

Satellite Systems: *True Blue Satellite Systems* - (607) 276-2817 FB

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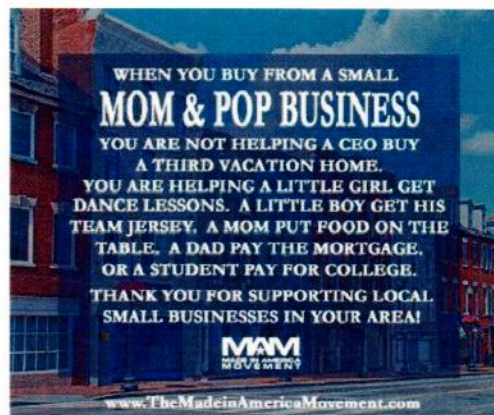
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