

TOWN OF ALMOND

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2nd Tuesday Monthly 6 pm

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Happy Summer!



There is much to report in the Town of Almond.

First, a welcome to our two new members of the planning board, Tammy Kokot and Sandy Dennison. Tammy and Sandy have a terrific background and skill set for these positions, and I'm excited for them as well as for the town. The comprehensive plan is moving along accordingly, and once finished it will be provided for public review and comment.

In the June meeting, our board approved a proposal to apply for a grant to build a salt shed for salt and sand storage. We are working with KHEOPS in this process, a grant writer for the County. If Almond is approved for this grant, we will be able to construct a shed at only 25% of its cost. The benefits of having a salt containment shed are both immediate and long term, and are well worth the Town's 25% share of the construction cost. I hope that our grant application is successful. Stay tuned!

The Board also approved the application of a grant to fund a preliminary study on the issue of sewer. In attendance at our meeting were Alfred Village Mayor, Justin Grigg and District 5 County Legislators Phil Curran and Charles Jessup, who lent a voice of support. The multi-town and county dream prompting such a study is to provide sewer service along Route 21, which would connect Alfred-Almond School and possibly the Village of Almond, to the sewer system in the Village of Alfred. However, before we know whether such a project is even feasible, we need to gather information. In this context, information gathering is done through a preliminary study by an engineering firm. The grant we are seeking would pay for that preliminary study. Preliminary studies are necessary first steps in big projects. They provide critical information for elected officials to make decisions on behalf of their community. The study would provide us with an engineer's report indicating the extent to which a sewer connection with the Village of Alfred is cost effective or practical. If we receive the grant, the Town would be notified at the end of the year and the preliminary study would be performed in 2017. This is a long process, and at best it will be over a year before we can even begin to have a solid and informed discussion about whether this is a step which we can or should take. Public review and comment will be vital, at every stage. In upcoming newsletter articles, I will lay out some of the benefits of infrastructure along this corridor, but finding out of these benefits justify the investment is the whole purpose of this process. As with anything, I welcome your input. Feel free to email me at almondtownsupervisor@gmail.com with your concerns, ideas or comments.

Finally, please note the change in date and time for the next town board meeting. The Town and the Village have decided to meet jointly in July, and therefore the Town's July meeting will occur at 6:30pm on July 5th. The Village will meet at 7pm and we will meet jointly afterward. This is a good opportunity for both boards to discuss things like the municipal building when both bodies are present for input and voting. I hope that it will be an annual precedent.

Have a wonderful summer!

Honoring a Volunteer

THANKING DORIS MONTGOMERY FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY By Donna Ryan



Doris Montgomery is shown here helping a recent visitor to the Almond Historical Society.

Ever since Doris Montgomery and her husband Doug moved to Almond in 1948, she has been involved in an incredible number of organizations in countless ways. In addition to being Doug's wife and Terry, Sue and Pat's mom, Doris used her business school training in the AU Treasurer's office, as bookkeeper at Citizens National Bank, and as Purchasing Agent for New York State College of Ceramics for 22 years. While the children were at growing up, Doris was a Den Mother for scouts and Bluebird/Camp Fire leader and always encouraged them in their various interests and activities. Her more than six decades of service at Almond Union included service on every board, 4th grade Sunday School teacher, and the Christian Education Committee for many years. Her church is known for its delicious dinners: both as regular fundraisers and as a service to the community with their funeral dinners. For innumerable years, Doris has headed up planning and organizing the funeral dinners, assisted by an able crew of other volunteers. When Doug was alive, they enjoyed travelling and fellowshipping with his US Navy Veterans WWII PT boaters group, as well as years of association with the

Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge, where they held many offices.

Even now this amazing 91-year old grandma and great grandmother does not slow down: Doris regularly attends community exercise groups, filling in as leader when necessary. As matriarch of the Coleman family (Whitesville), she is activity involved in family reunion groups and genealogy. Doris' service to the Almond Historical Society is long-lived and immeasurable: She has served as archivist for many years, and along with her volunteers, opens the AHS office/archives building every Friday afternoon – hosting visitors from out of town and locals who are tracing their family roots and searching for information. Her memory and mind is unbelievable, her stamina and agility incredible, and her compassion, wisdom and understanding precious.

Her example of volunteerism has been a good thing: Her children rise up and call her blessed. What she taught them, according to Pat:

"In a small community like Almond everybody needs to pitch in and do what needs to be done!"

We salute you, Doris Montgomery, for nearly seven decades of service to our community!

Open Seat on the Town Board

Almond has an open election this fall for a town board seat. This position would begin January 1st and be for one year only. It will be up for re-election to a four year term in 2017.

A Board Member, of the Town of Almond, position is to provide a safe, comfortable environment for all of its citizens while always striving to provide government services in fair, courteous, and fiscally responsible manner.

If you are interested in serving your community in this way, please contact the board of elections at [585-268-9295](tel:585-268-9295) (Democrat) and [585-268-9294](tel:585-268-9294) (Republican) to determine your eligibility and/or receive a blank petition. Petitions are due in early July so you need to act fast!

ALMOND FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that Almond has a food pantry? The Almond Area Food Pantry is housed at the offices of the Almond Union of Churches. (4 Karrdale Ave, behind the Hagadorn House and next to the church) Currently the pantry is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am - Noon or by appointment. We offer client choice to ensure that the food that is given out will be used. The food pantry is open to anyone who lives in the Alfred-Almond School district with no income or other restrictions. People are welcome to come once every thirty days. We have a refrigerator and freezer for perishable foods and lots of shelf space.

We are a member of FoodLink and partner with them to combat hunger and food insecurity. We will gladly accept donations of any kind - food or financial assistance is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like further information please call us at [607-276-6151](tel:607-276-6151).



Dinners at Almond Union of Churches –

July 15th - Picnic Style with choice of Italian Sausage or Pulled Pork

Aug 19th – Beef on Weck

Village of Almond

PH 607-276-5921
VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS
1st Tuesday Monthly 7 pm

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John Meehan

Deputy Mayor

Dennis George

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Dennis George

Paul Gabriel

Tim Drum

Bill Lockwood

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Village Clerk/Tax Collector

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MON & WED 9 am to 1 pm

Deputy Clerk

Cathy Harvey

Bookkeeper

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Code Enforcement Officer

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Andrew Hulbert

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Kyle Hadsell

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Danielle Hulbert

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Russ Allen

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John K. Meehan, Mayor

The month of June started with the draining and painting of the water storage tank, which is located on the Whitman Road. The tank is normally drained and painted every 15 to 20 years. This was the village's first step in reviewing and upgrading our water system. The Village board will be meeting with LDG engineers in July, to discuss the upgrading of our current system

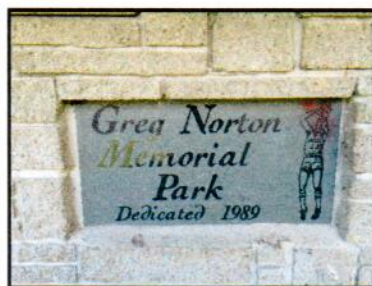


and look at their recommendations for upgrading lines.

In June, the village board met with the Almond sports group, about the Greg Norton Memorial park, located near Mullen's carpet. The village made a motion to let this group be the custodians of the park, for the betterment of our youth, as well as, the village. The park has seen better days, and I am very pleased that this group has stepped up for our community.

The new display board has not been installed in the village park; hopefully it will be put to good use, for public notices.

New Life to the Old Almond Playground by Lois Curran



I love seeing children and young families in Almond again. I see people of all ages walking, running, and riding bikes throughout the village. Every day I see children and young adults at the old Almond playground (now the Greg Norton Memorial Park.) When I look at that park today, I see the 50+ year old monkey bars and swing set with no swings, the newer, wooden swing set with broken swings, and the basketball court with a severely cracked surface, old backboards and hoops, and pine tree branches

hanging over one end of the court. The fence between the playground and School Street has been taken down creating a safety issue.

What I would love to see is a complete renovation of the Greg Norton Memorial Park - creating a fun and safe activity area for every member of our community. I proposed the idea to Alfred-Almond Community Sports Association (AACSA). With the Town and Village approval, AACSA has appointed Jordon Tomm as the committee chairperson for this project. Two meetings have been held to discuss ideas and plans this park "makeover". Adam Dwyer, A-A Elementary Physical Education teacher, and Tammy Kokot, have presented plans for possible activity/equipment stations that would be for all ages and abilities.

We will be looking for grant funds, donations, and community fund raising opportunities to complete this project. If you would like to be involved with this project, please contact any member of the AACSA committee or me. This will be a great opportunity for us to work together as a community to improve Almond!





AA-CSA President and Town Board Liaison, Quentin Castle attended the town board meeting on Tuesday June 14th. The following topics were discussed:

- Soccer Field #4
 - Grass is taking well and was mowed for first time on the 13th of June. We hope to play on it for fall soccer.
 - Soccer fencing along field #4 - We plan to install a fence along the road.
 - This will stop cars from getting too close and give soccer team sponsors a place to display their banners.
- Baseball Fencing - Baseball Plans to install fencing to enclose the rest of the baseball field.
- The last part if the aerial electric will be buried soon.
- Cattle gate and concrete blockade are being planned for the park entrance to limit vehicle access in the off seasons.
- Security camera signage is being planned soon.
- Complete Streets Grants - We plan on putting a proposal together for the next town board meeting.
- Next season we plan to remove the bathroom doors for the season to limit their abuse.
- AA-CSA has requested to be the stewards for Greg Norton Memorial Park. (We hope to have the committee formed soon and have a big announcement in the next newsletter.)

Our Spring Sponsors Program was a great success!

Alfred / Almond Community Sports Association, Inc.

Consider Volunteering, be part of creating a healthy environment for our youth in this community.

AACSA is a volunteer board made up of parents, grandparents, business owners, professionals, and community members that work to support our local youth sports, Almond Lions Community Park and newly added Greg Norton Memorial Park (Almond Village Playground). Email or Call us TODAY! aaysportadmin@aaysports.com (607) 545-1490

We need members like you to help reach our goals!

**President – Quentin Castle, Treasurer – Todd Goho,
Secretary – Jen Enke, Town Board Liaison – Quentin Castle
Director #1 – Debra Castle-Harvey, Director #2 & #3 - vacant
Committee leaders needed:**

Rent the Lions Park for your outdoor events

Almond Community Lions Park is maintained from April 15th till October 1st.

Rent the Lions Park for \$25 a day for standard park use with a \$100 (refundable) event deposit.

Standard park use includes, (up to 25 people):

- Playground
- Bathrooms & Dumpster
- One picnic pavilion (if available at time of payment)

Extra rentals:

- Concession stand - \$25.00/ ½ Day*
- Softball, baseball / t-ball, soccer field (\$15.00/ ½ Day*)

Call or text for more information: (607) 545-1490



AACSA LEAGUES



Basketball – basketball@aaysports.com

During the final month of basketball season at our monthly board meeting I brought up my interest in updating the Greg Norton Memorial Park in Almond. This is where being part of the board played a crucial role in reaching my goals. After a talk with the AACSA President, Quentin Castle, we decided to bring it up at the next meeting and also see what the process was for us to become caretakers of the park. We soon found that the Village of Almond owned it and when we brought this up in the next meeting minds of all attendees exploded with ideas and procedures. Soon after the meeting a post was made on a Facebook page about just this. Almost 50 different people commented on it within a couple days. As part of the board and considered as head of the movement I felt obligated to share what I knew with the community members. Currently AACSA are the official caretakers of the park and we are working on getting an official plan made to update the park and make it friendly and fun for all. Jordan Tomm, Basketball Commissioner



Soccer - scommissioner@aaysports.com

Fall soccer sign-up sheets can still be mailed to me (Shelly) but must be received by July 15, 2016.

Fall Soccer Dates:

7/15 – FINAL sign up night Almond Municipal bldg. 5-7 pm
8/2 & 8/3 5:30-7:00pm - skills assessments grades 3-6
8/13 - First day for practices
9/10 - First day of games
10/15 - 3/4 Fall Cup
10/22 & 10/23 - 5/6 Fall Cup

Night Under the Lights at AA to be announced at a later date.

Soccer Commissioner:	Shelly Mansfield
Soccer Treasurer:	Jennifer Warren
Soccer Secretary:	Rene Smith
Coaching Director:	Jim Lucey
Board Member:	Victoria Bymes
Board Member:	Bonnie Wilkins
Board Member:	Travis Smith
Board Member:	Chuck Comer



Baseball - bbcommissioner@aaysports.com

The Alfred Almond Youth Baseball League has concluded their regular season. Thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches, parents, family members, and players for an excellent season. Great skills were learned and most

of all FUN. All the teams had a hilarious parents vs. kids game near the end of the season. Our Majors League finished off the season with a tournament. All the teams played great but the Fox's Pizza Pirates, coached by Tim Smith, ended up victorious winning in a double header. The All Star team, coached by Shane Davidson, will continue to play through the summer. Stayed tuned next year for an exciting season. Sign ups are held in late winter. Follow our facebook page, Alfred Almond Youth Baseball, to get all the latest. The league is always looking for those that would like to help, whether as a board member, community helper, coach, announcer, umpire, or a helping hand at the field. Email bbcommissioner@aaysports.com for more information.



A special thank you to all our sponsors and coaches this year!

Fox's Pizza Pirates, coached by Tim Smith, Brandon Harrison, and Brooke Harris
Select Tree Care Yankees, coached by Shane Davidson, Aaron McGraw, and Chike Cumberbatch
Southern Tier Concrete Dodgers, coached by Eric Roberts, Tim Lloyd, Justin Grigg, and Jack Smith
Dr. Call's Cubs, coached by Todd Goho and Andrea Fioretto
Mullen Carpet Marlins, coached by Wayne Bensley and Jennifer Noone
Southern Tier Concrete Orioles, coached by Ben Palmer and Ken Shutt
Maple City Dodge Blue Jays, coached by Craig and Melanie Cornell

Thank you to our Board Members, Amanda Whitwood-Commissioner
Todd Goho- Treasurer, Jennifer Noone- Secretary



Softball

Softball Commissioner: Brian Marlatt
Softball Secretary: Rene Smith
Softball Treasurer: Kelly Bracken

Sponsors for Softball:

Flints Auto	Stevens Contracting
Mulheisen	Allen Professional
Way to Grow	Dick & Cheryl's Big dipper
Flaitz home and landscaping	

Almond 20th Century Club Library



by Elizabeth Call

Preparations are well underway for the Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is Get Ready, Set, Read! The focus of the program is health and wellness -- inside and out! We will be doing crafts, cooking, and playing games, all with a focus on reading! There are program ideas for all ages! Registration for the Summer Reading Program is on June 22nd, from 5-7 pm.



This year, we are fortunate to have three of the local girl scouts helping us with the program for the Kindergarten through 3rd graders! They have designed the whole program as their Silver Award Project.

On Tuesdays, Cattaraugus Community Action will be presenting a five-week program for kids on Healthy Relationships. The program deals with issues of bullying, harassment, respect, and healthy relationships, and will empower the kids to utilize effective communication and negotiation skills to prevent and resolve conflicts.

Teen Club begins on June 29th! Join us every Wednesday night from 5-7pm. Brochures are available in the library for your perusal. We have lots of great activities planned! Tween Club, for our almost-teens, begins on June 30th! Please check our website for the schedule of events for the Summer Reading Program.

Feel free to contact the library with any questions you might have about our upcoming programs or anything else, and don't forget to check our website and our facebook page for the most up-to-date information: www.almondlibrary.org.

Coming up at the Almond 20th Century Club Library:

- Mother Goose on the Loose - **Fridays @ 10:30**
- **Yoga** is on Thursday evenings at 5:45 with Kristin Bucholz.
- Book Club -- June 21st: *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields
- Book Club -- July 19th: *Tom Jones* by Henry Fielding
- Summer Reading Program kickoff party: June 22nd from 5-7 pm

Contact: (607) 276-6311 | almondlibrary@gmail.com | P.O. Box D, Almond, NY 14804

Hours: Sunday & Monday: *Closed*; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 2-7 pm; Friday & Saturday: 10am-2pm.



THANK YOU to everyone who voted May 17th to approve additional tax support for the Almond Library and the Alfred Box of Books! We consider ourselves to be partners together with you and the Alfred-Almond Central School for education in our communities, and we seek to excel in that role. The amount of our increase this year was small, so your support of our other fund-raising efforts is still much needed and appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who made crafts or manned our table at Hot Dog Day in April.

Thank you to the Country Kitchen Restaurant, where eighteen Twentieth Century Club members enjoyed our annual dinner in May.

Thank you to Elva and Dave Owlett and all the other volunteers who run the AACSA Concession Stand at baseball and softball games, and to everyone who has patronized the stand during the season. Those hungry players (and their fans) keep us hopping! Proceeds from the stand enable the AACSA to maintain the park year-round, support the sports leagues who use it, and pay the Library for doing the shopping, opening and closing, and helping the parent volunteers who sell the food.

Thank you to Doris Martin and Carolyn Powers for sewing another beautiful queen-sized quilt for our Election Day raffle. Tickets will be available at the Library any time, as well as at the Almond Historical Society's Strawberry Festival June 20.

Thank you to Johanna Stanton for staying on as library aide, after helping us through Alfred University work-study.

Thank you to Liz Call, Library Director, for day-to-day management and for working on a grant application to upgrade the entrance ramp on the back of the building.

Thank you to Danielle Morris-Pierce, Jill Morris-Pierce, Deb Pierce, and Linda Staiger, who have recently agreed to serve as Library Trustees. The volunteers on the Board of Trustees are responsible for managing the Library's finances, policies, personnel, and building. It's not an easy job!

And please remember to use smile.amazon.com when you shop on Amazon. If you choose the Almond Library as your charity, a small portion of the purchase price will be sent to your community library. We would be grateful!

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

Upcoming Library Board of Trustees Meetings – June 28, July 26, and August 23 at 6:30 p.m. Public input is invited.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Almond Historical Society's Hagadorn House was "rockin'" on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, when more than forty AACs fourth graders, along with their teachers, spent the day there on their annual field trip.

AHS volunteers, some dressed in period costume, greeted the students in the AHS pavilion, where a short presentation of the history of the Society was given by Donna B. Ryan. Students, already divided into six groups, were then assigned to teams named after important people from our local history: The Van Campen Scouts, Hagadorn Gang, Phelan Crew, Reynolds Bunch, McHenry Clan, and the Karr Team.

The teams then proceeded to various locations in the house and were greeted by these guides: Jan Leathersich, dressed as "Aunt Margaret" Karr in the middle parlor, Louise Schwartz as Mrs.

Hagadorn in the front parlor, Carl Leathersich in the fireplace room and Susan Steere holding forth in the Linn Phelan Gallery with the a special collection of quilts and family artifacts. Bob Schwartz was the bell-ringer, notifying the groups that it was time to move to the next location.



As half of the children moved from place to place in the Hagadorn House, Donna Ryan hosted the other half in the new office/archives building. They were very interested in the various family files, vintage Almond items, and the AACs yearbooks, as well as pictures of the local Indian trail marker trees and the story of 1972 flood and how it affected Almond. They ate their lunches in the pavilion, thanks to Mike Baker and Kim Costello setting up the chairs and tables there.

The 1830s Hagadorn House contains a treasure of artifacts from Almond's history which proved interesting to the children: Chamber pots, top hats, ca 1900s fire extinguisher manufactured in Almond, the cooking fireplace, a hair wreath, the quilt collection featuring local buildings and homes, the flint lock rifle, Moses Van Campen's ca 1700s leather fire bucket, and military uniforms to name just a few.



Several guides read portions from *The Almond Story* written by the late John Reynolds, giving the students insight into the early settlement of the area and its people. Jan Leathersich, stationed in the middle parlor, described the event this way: "The children were very attentive and listened with wide eyes as I told them about Aunt Margaret Karr and read one of the stories from John Reynolds' book, *The Almond Story* about the Indians attacking her home: She displayed great courage during the Indian Massacre at Wyoming, PA. The Indians came to the Karr home, tomahawks and scalping knives dripping with the blood of their victims. With her husband away and her terrified children clinging to her for protection the mother, erect and fearless, met the attackers at the door. With upraised hand, she forbade them to enter, telling them: 'You may go no farther than the Almighty God will allow!' One of the Indians apparently understood some English and he said, 'Ugh...me understand, Great Spirit up there.' I asked them to try to imagine how they would feel in a situation like that and how scary that must have been. I talked about Aunt Margaret being a God-fearing woman who believed God's Word, prayed and asked God for His protection and power to do all she did as an Angel of Mercy to the settlers.

The Almond Historical Society is pleased to host the AACs fourth graders every year. They are well behaved, and are very interested in local history. We hope that they will return to visit with their parents sometime!

BOARD IN REVIEW



Bill Ells, Town of Almond Planning Board

My name is Bill Ells; I have lived in the Town of Almond for 16 years and have been a member of the Planning Board for 13 years. Tax payers ask me what is the Planning Board? The Planning Board was created and adopted on September 1, 1965 in Allegany County, consisting of 5 members. The initial members of the board were Lyle Sutton, Ray Martin, Charles Wightman, Wayne Carter and Oakley Carnes.

The establishment of the Planning Board is desirable and necessary as a means for helping to develop the Town on a economical and sound basis, and the control of the Platting of land is necessary for the purpose of providing for the future growth and development of the Town and affording adequate facilities for the housing, transportation, distribution, comfort, convenience, safety, health and welfare of its population.

The five members of the Planning Board now consist of Keith Stanley, Dennis Stachowski, Bill Ells and our new members Tammy Kokot and Sandy Dennison. At this time we are working on the Comprehensive Plan, once that is completed we will start on the zoning ordinance, then the subdivision in the Town of Almond.



Keith Stanley, Town of Almond Planning Board

I am Keith Stanley, I have been a resident of the Town of Almond for the past thirty five years. In that time I have been a member of the Alfred Station Fire Dept. for thirty seven years serving in about all captaincies. I have been on the Board of Assessment review in Almond for twenty five years.

I decided to become involved in the Planning board about five years ago to help guide the future of our town for the betterment of the whole community.



Dennis V Stachowski, Town of Almond Planning Board

Retired NYS Veterans' Representative. Honorably discharged US Marine, disabled veteran. Have served on Town Planning Board about 10 years. Have lived in Town of Almond 14 years. Moved to Almond for country living and quiet life. Have resided in Allegany County about 33 years.



Sandra Dennison, Town of Almond Planning Board

I have been a resident of the town since December 2008. I believe that I could provide value to the board based on the following qualifications:

- BA, St. Bonaventure University
- MBA, Southern New Hampshire University
- NYS licensed real estate broker (since 2005)
- Currently employed at Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Service (ACES) at Alfred State as the Director of Marketing

- Broker/Auctioneer of Summit Auction and Realty LLC, auctioneer for the Allegany County Treasurer's office
- I have also served as a Steuben County election commissioner

In addition to my professional background, I am an active volunteer for the Comfort House of Allegany. In 2010, I chaired a citizen's committee to successfully raise \$60,000 to build a veteran's and firemen's memorial in my hometown of Greenwood, NY. I have a 15-year-old son who attends Alfred-Almond Central School.



Tammy McQueen Kokot, Town of Almond Planning Board

I am grateful to be serving my community once again! Though not a life long resident of Almond, having been here 13 years this coming July, Almond is home. I "hail" from Scio via Pensacola, FL with family roots in the deep south as well as the north. Having moved north as a young child, I'm more "Yankee" vs. "Southerner" having lived in Allegany County just about 50 of my 54 years. I really don't have any Town Planning experience to bring to the table, but what I do have is enthusiasm and love for my community. As the former Director of the Almond Library, I was able to bring about some welcome changes. In the 6.5 years there, I successfully brought in almost \$100,000 in NYSED grant monies enabling capital projects such as the installation of a lift (elevator), updated electric, the first phase of a new heating system, as well as air conditioning units. Other grants brought in new computers and stations, "refreshed" the Library foyer; resplendent with a new chandelier, a young adult reading section, a graphic reader section for pre-school to high school readers, self-help workbooks for teens dealing with challenging issues, home-bound kits for all ages, a yearly science fair involving AACCS students, and too much more to list. I more than quadrupled circulation and nearly tripled the number of patrons. I enlisted the help of tutors for after school from both AACCS as well as AU & ASC for kids that thought of the library as their other home.

I'm a member of the Almond Historical Society and brought in grant money for this fine organization as well. My grant writing skills have even extended in the AACCS system. I was honored to assist the 2nd-grade class in acquiring a LEGO learning system through a grant from the Allegany Area Foundation. I've been a member of the Alfred Lions Club for almost three years and serve as Fundraising Chairperson.

My hope is that as a Town Planning Board member, I can help our community become more prosperous, more modern, and much more progressive by bringing the village and town boards together to work together cohesively for the betterment of our citizens.



Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Teresa Jaycox

Office Hours:
MON & WED - 8 am to 4 pm

From the Assessor's Office

Assessor's hours have changed during
summer months to Wednesday's
9 am – 11:30 am



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, chairs and a kitchen too!

To reserve a date and make arrangements contact:
Teresa Jaycox, Town Clerk 607-276-6665



For those of you on Facebook
there's a page
Almond/Alfred Folks
It's a local public group to help keep
you informed.



From The Desk of William Ells Code Enforcement Officer

After a long winter, building is starting to pick up in Almond. I seem to be getting several calls every day with questions about new projects, from new homes to swimming pools. Yes,

people are thinking about swimming in the not-too-distant future. As always, feel free to call if you have any questions about work you may be planning.

The third week of March each year I attend a conference in Rochester to receive 24 hours of in-service training. NYS requires in-service training for all certified code officers to maintain their certification. Although the state requires training, due to staff cuts they only provide limited opportunities for training taught by state instructors. Now most training hours are picked up at conferences like the one I attended last March. The drawback to this is some training, such as commercial building, commercial kitchens don't really apply to Almond. The session on manufactured housing, although, was very good for me, but it does not apply to inspector in the cities. Overall, it was a good conference and completed my requirements for this year. Hope you have a great summer.

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Great happenings at the kennel: The leaking spigot has been repaired and we look forward to the garage being renovated to allow for interior housing for the dogs, which in turn, will allow for greater capacity and be a warm place during the cold months. This will also allow for a more secure place keeping the dogs and the public safe.

During the summer months remember to keep your dogs cool. No need to shave them; just comb frequently to remove loose hair, bathe them, provide ample supply of cool drinking water and you can add a kiddie pool for them to get their feet wet. Dogs lose their excess heat through panting and the pads of their feet. Some dogs will even enjoy ice cubes and if they have to be outside on a hot day you can freeze treats/toys inside a bowl, dump it out and then let them lick at it to get them out.

Protect them from fleas and ticks, consult your veterinarian. Protection will keep them healthy and your home pest free.

If your dog happens to get into a fight with a skunk, tomato juice baths or vinegar baths are known to remove the odor. If they choose a porcupine, see your vet. If you do decide to try and remove the quills yourself, please cut the ends off first as this makes removal easier.

Remember to vaccinate and license your dogs. It helps them find their way home should they be lost.

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