

## Fairport Historical Museum Gets a New Roof

The roof of the Fairport Historical Museum will be replaced this fall using a recycled material that reflects the structure's original architecture and slate look and will be durable for decades to come.

The building, formerly the Fairport Public Library, was the first structure to be designated as an historic landmark by the Fairport Historic Preservation Commission, which occurred in May 2008.

The existing, original roof is slate, according to Village Administrator Ken Moore. It is being replaced by local contractor Spring Sheet Metal and Roofing under the design coordination of Rochester architect Guy LoMonaco of LoMonaco Associates.

The building's style is Palladian/Georgian Revival and is representative of its 1930s era of countryside architecture. In the context of the village, however, it is unique. There is a tetra-style Tuscan portico, one-bay hipped wings, and a doorway with semi-circular leaded glass fanlight. The slate roof adds to the building's beauty, which is why LoMonaco is replacing it with material to mimic the original design but which will allow for easier maintenance and a long life.

The original soft slate has outlived its life expectancy, LoMonaco said. Additionally, copper Yankee gutters – built-in gutters located back from the



edge of the roof – have leaked for some time.

The village has chosen to replace the roof with a synthetic slate, Ecostar by Carlisle, which has sustainability (green) aspects by being manufactured from recycled rubber and plastic, LoMonaco said. It looks very much like slate, with an irregular

surface and edge texture. It also consists of different colors and slightly different slate piece sizes to emulate as much as possible regular slate. Another attribute is the 50-year manufacturer's commercial warranty that includes labor, he said, which is one of the best warranties in the marketplace. The village also is replacing the Yankee gutters with copper and repointing the masonry chimney, putting a new cap on it, as well as introducing ventilation at the ridge line to help with heating and cooling.

With new technology we can capture the look and longevity of older materials while getting the benefits of sustainability and lower costs, LoMonaco said.

Work on the roof is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed in November. The construction contract for the roof and related work is \$98,970.

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## Night parking rules enforced beginning Nov. 1



Village of Fairport officials remind citizens of the Night Parking Ordinance that is effective each year between Nov. 1 and April 1.

During this time, no vehicle shall be parked or remain standing on any street between the hours of 3 AM and 7 AM. Official signs are maintained at the five entrances to the village. This ban also is in effect during snow emergencies.

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#### Board Meetings

Village Board: 2nd Monday of every month, citizen input 7:00 pm, regular meeting 7:30 pm  
Planning Board: 3rd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm  
Zoning Board: 4th Monday of every month, 7:00 pm

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## The Mayor's Corner

### Enjoy Autumn in Our Beautiful Village!

Fall has arrived on the heels of a very busy summer in the Village of Fairport. Activity started with the May opening of the Farmers' Market, then continued in earnest with Canal Days, Cruz Nites, Fourth of July parade, foot races, the successful gazebo series, the Music and Food Fest, and now, the Scarecrow Festival. In addition, water lines have been replaced on Summit Street and East Church Street and Potter Place, and Summit Street has been reconstructed. Throughout all of this, the railroad crossing received a face-lift making it safer for pedestrians and cars.

This new season also means there will be leaves to be raked and piled for pick up. DPW Forman Nick Pittinaro requests that you please make one large pile on the tree lawn area (between the sidewalk and the street) or, if you don't have a sidewalk or tree lawn area, place the pile *on your lawn just inside of the gutter*. PLEASE do not include sticks, stones, limbs or other debris in the leaf pile. With safety in mind, remember that children like to play in piles of leaves and piles placed too close to the street can create an extremely dangerous situation.

I frequently hear comments about what a friendly and well-run village this is. Our employees do a terrific job of making that happen but there are more than 100 volunteers who are actively involved in the process. These dedicated residents are helping to create the atmosphere we enjoy. I am including descriptions of the various volunteer opportunities open to village residents. If you are interested in sharing your talents as openings occur, send a letter of intent to me via email –

fhm@fairportny.com – or drop it off at the village clerk's office. The following is a summary of boards and commissions that may interest you:

The **Planning Board** functions as an advisory board to the zoning board. It approves site plans, subdivision plans, special permits or other development needs. Regular meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Responsibilities: attend each regular meeting; attend three joint board meetings each year held in February, June and October; attend four hours of training each year; research all applications including site visitations. Five-year term.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** is a quasi-judicial board that addresses appeals from zoning ordinances that individuals wish variances from. Regular meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month. Responsibilities: attend all regular meetings; attend three joint board meetings each year in February, June and October; attend four hours of training each year; research all applications including site visitations. Five-year term.

The **Tree Board** coordinates, recommends and implements the care, maintenance and planting of the Village Forest. Oversees the *Tree City USA* standards and requirements, including a tree inventory and monitoring tree health. Responsibilities: monthly meetings plus attendance at three joint board meetings in February, June and October. Five-year term.

The **Fairport Area Cable Commission** oversees the activities of FACT 12 & 15 and its adherence of the franchise agreement with Time

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# Office of Community + Economic Development Debuts Helpful Web Site

[www.fairportoced.org](http://www.fairportoced.org)



Fairport’s Office of Community + Economic Development (OCED) has designed a new web site to provide enhanced access to information for residents.

The new web site includes information about all OCED agencies – the Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Urban Renewal Agency (URA), Section 8 Housing and the Fairport Village Partnership – and their missions and projects; policies; news for residents; meeting information and minutes; and even a

link to allow individuals to follow OCED on the social networking site Twitter.

“We are really pleased with our new web site,” Kal Wysokowski, Executive Director of the Office of Community + Economic Development. “We wanted to create an attractive, easy-to-use Internet portal to

provide as much information as possible for village residents and really anyone who is interested in learning about OCED’s programs that strengthen our local economy and make Fairport an even better place to live, work and invest.”

Log on to [www.fairportoced.org](http://www.fairportoced.org). Wysokowski welcomes feedback about the web site. Please contact her in the Office of Community + Economic Development at (585) 421-3240 or [kal@fairportoced.org](mailto:kal@fairportoced.org).

## Fairport Village Board



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## Front Porches of Fairport 2010 Calendars Available

Fresh off the presses, a full-color calendar for 2010 featuring distinctive Fairport front porches is available for sale at many Fairport retailers. Lovingly portrayed by photographer Keith Boas, the project required the talents of many people, who researched the various porches and worked throughout the seasons to capture their personalities in print and prose.

Sure to sell out, the calendar makes a wonderful gift for family and friends, and provides a unique way to

celebrate Fairport village life. This first calendar is a fundraiser for the Fairport Village Partnership, the non-profit organization tasked with portraying Fairport’s uniqueness to visitors, residents and the business community at large. The partnership looks to establish the Fairport calendar as a continuing tradition, celebrating the past and the future. Don’t hesitate – get your calendar today!



## Halloween Safety Tips

Fall is here and before we know it Halloween will be upon us. Here are some safety tips to make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for all:

### For parents and children:

- Do Not allow a child to go “Trick or Treating” alone
- Review basic everyday safety such as not approaching or getting into cars
- Help your child pick out a costume that is fireproof with eyeholes sufficient in size to provide good peripheral vision.
- If your child is carrying a prop, make sure the tips are flexible enough to not cause an injury
- Look both ways before crossing streets
- Adult should be familiar with the neighborhood visited
- Children should never approach any poorly lighted house
- An adult should go to door of every house
- Children should not be allowed to enter any home without prior permission
- Children should not be allowed to approach any vehicle
- Children should carry a flashlight, glow stick and/or wear reflective costumes



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## Fairport “Music To Our Ears” Stringed Instrument Services Student String Shop

The surprise of seeing beautiful stringed double basses and cellos in the windows of 52 N. Main St. is followed by shock that this “new” business has been in Fairport for years. Paul Strelau, an accomplished musician and entrepreneur, continues to build a following of fans for the repair and sales of stringed instruments. His staff of repair technicians handle thousands of repairs, maintaining a rental inventory of almost a thousand violins, cellos, violas and double-basses for serious students in Fairport and the surrounding area.

Paul, for twelve years a double-bassist with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, found himself at a crossroads. He began repairing instruments for friends and students and it was taking over his home. He made a choice and started Stringed Instrument Services, Inc. in 1988. Growing demand found him looking for space, moving to Fairport in 2000.

In 2009, the businesses absorbed the storefront on N. Main Street. Doubling in size, with retail space and workshop, the staff of nine manage three businesses: Stringed Instrument Services, Inc., Student String Shop, and CSC Products, the USA distributor for Samuel Shen Instruments of Suzhou, China.

Paul and his partner Betty Kelleher formed the Student String Shop to fill an unmet need for quality rental instruments. Started with only twenty violins, the inventory now encompasses almost a thousand instruments in varying sizes. Like clothes and shoes, children will outgrow violins and cellos. Stringed instruments are unique in that they can be sized proportionally but can still play the same notes. The String



*Basses by Samuel Shen wait patiently on N. Main Street*

Shop allows students to move up a size, pairing students to a properly-sized instrument matched to their abilities.

Stringed Instrument Services also maintains instruments for local school districts including Fairport, Penfield, Victor and beyond. The east side location is ideal for the many programs and students, and the store is stocked with supplies and student music books for the assorted instruments.

CSC Products imports and distributes over three hundred basses, cellos and violins each month, providing the final setup and alignment of each instrument before carefully shipping them to dealers throughout the United States. Every item is checked and finished to ensure a fine experience right from the box.

The staff bring a wide variety of experience to their work. Even when the pressure’s on, such as the beginning of the school year, their attention to detail and commitment to musicians, new or experienced, sets them apart. In an age when stores have become impersonal with reduced staff and inventory, Paul and his team show how personal service and attention can create a winning combination – literally music to our ears!

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# Mayor's Corner

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Warner, and promotes local programming. Responsibilities: monthly meetings plus attendance at three joint board meetings in February, June, and October. Five-year term.

The **Fairport Village Partnership** works to strengthen existing village businesses, promotes the village as a great place to live, work and invest, enhances the visual and aesthetic appearance of the downtown business district and public spaces, pursues land uses consistent with community objectives, and works to ensure long-term funding for the Partnership. Responsibilities: monthly meetings and attendance at three joint boards meetings held in February, June and October. Terms for members vary in length.

The **Historic Preservation Commission** seeks to protect, enhance and perpetuate Fairport landmarks and historic districts in a manor consistent with our changing society, and by so doing promote the economic, cultural, educational and general welfare of the Village of Fairport and its residents. Responsibilities: attend monthly meetings plus special meetings and committees; carry out research; attend educational forums, and attend three joint board meetings in February, June and October. Five-year term.

The **Office of Community + Economic Development** works with prospective businesses, provides business loans, administers senior grants, can acquire property and can provide matching funds for grants. Responsibilities include monthly meetings and attendance at three

Joint Boards meetings in February, June and October. Terms for appointments vary.

The **Fairport Municipal Commission** oversees the operations of the Fairport Municipal Electric. Responsibilities: monthly meetings and attendance at three joint board meetings in February, June and October. Five-year term.

The **Beautification Committee** helps keep the village looking smart. Members can plant and maintain gardens, create and implement groups to enhance the appearance of the village. This committee can expand its current activities. Seasonal.

I wish you a safe fall and winter. Enjoy all that the Village of Fairport offers in the coming months and please consider volunteering for one of the village boards, commissions or committees.

## Village Hall Closings

The Village of Fairport offices will be closed the following days:

**November 11: Veteran's Day**

**November 26 & 27: Thanksgiving**

**December 25: Christmas Day**

**January 1: New Year's Day**

**January 18: Martin Luther King Day**

**February 15: President's Day**

**April 2: Good Friday**

## Snow Removal Tips for Residents

The Department of Public Works suggests a few tips for snow removal in the village:

- Residents clearing snow from their sidewalks and driveways should move snow only to locations on their own property. Snow is not to be plowed into neighbors' properties or across the street. Homeowners should direct plow contractors to abide by the same rules.
- Village sidewalk plows will clear snow throughout the winter; please do not block public sidewalks in any way.
- Residents are welcome to mark obstructions such as steps or sidewalks if they think a sidewalk plow may cause damage. Scrap lumber can be used, and should be placed early in the snow season. The Village does put out stakes where problems are seen.
- Keep sidewalks clear of snow in front of homes and to mailboxes and front doors to assist mail carriers.
- Keep nearby hydrants clear of snow to help the Fairport Fire Department if an emergency arises.

If you have questions about snow removal, please call the Department of Public Works office at (585) 223-9500.



# Fairport “Music To Our Ears”

## ToneBender Music

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Andy Babuik seems right at home in the newest location for ToneBender Music. Perhaps it's the black leather sofa, the Tiki sculptures guarding the front door, or the candles and peaceful quiet when you enter. The new space in Packett's Landing would seem overcrowded except for the beauty of fine guitars and other stringed instruments covering the walls from floor to ceiling, the stacks of amps interspersed with a drum set and the many must-have items that guitarists seek. More like a fine art gallery or boutique than retail store, ToneBender Music wants to change the way people buy their instruments.

Andy, along with partner Rob LaVaque, have created an environment that encourages people to relax and enjoy the buying experience. Big-store music retailers try to make the sale quickly, with retail clerks who may not have the expertise or patience to fit the customer with the best guitar. ToneBender Music typically meet with musicians by appointment,



*Jesse Watras adjusts a cello, one of many tasks each day*

learning their clients' needs and interests and making appropriate matches. Clients become friends and repeat buyers, no matter where they live or work.

“I just shipped a beautiful guitar to a client in Australia.” Andy mentioned casually. This particular client, a musician and collector, was very particular in what he wanted and Andy was able to make the perfect match. “It's what we do.” he said matter-of-factly. In fact, ToneBender Music enjoys the highest level dealership agreements with companies such as Fender and C.F. Martin. They order custom versions of guitars to their specifications, or the ultimate choice: commission a particular craftsman at the factory to create a one-of-a-kind instrument for a special client, a process that can take years.

The partners came to Fairport in 2006, starting in a small office in the Box Factory. No strangers to the music business, the entrepreneurs are successful musicians and studio artists. Fairport is a perfect fit for their business, enjoying both local and worldwide support. With a retail presence, they believe they can influence a new generation of musicians by encouraging proper fit of instruments to musicians' style and ability, and sparking the return to an era of personal service and specialized attention to clients.

Fairport is an ideal business climate, and the two feel welcomed by the merchants association and the village government. They appreciate how everyone works together to make the village a destination for business and pleasure.



*Andy Babuik surrounded by his guitars*

Andy is a founding member of the Chesterfield Kings along with songwriting partner and lead singer Greg Prevost. The pair have just completed a definitive book called “Rolling Stones Gear”, a history of the band's instruments and related gear. This book is Andy's third- first was “Beatles Gear”, then “The Story of Paul Bigsby”, about the musician and father of the solid body electric guitar, having built the first ever for Merle Travis in 1948.

Rob LaVaque is a noted musician, producer and recording engineer, specializing in refining the sounds that musicians work so hard to create, bringing life to their vision and technical mastery to the difficult process of recording music. Rob is consulted on various projects and has expertise to share, especially when other musicians need advice for using the latest computer technology to capture their artistry. He has done film scores, commercials and albums, including touring worldwide with musicians like Greg Lake of ELP and Richard Marx.

Together, the partners bring their decades of experience and fresh perspectives to a new audience in Fairport, as the world literally beats a path to their door.

# Home Improvement Assistance Available for Village Residents

Officials in the Fairport Office of Community + Economic Development (OCED) want residents to be aware of two options for home improvements that may assist with property enhancements, as well as emergency and critical repairs.

The OCED's Urban Renewal Agency (URA) provides the Fairport Residential Loan

Program to eligible homeowners for needed repairs and improvements. The program is meant to improve the housing conditions of families, revitalize neighborhoods, reduce operating costs and energy consumption, correct code violations and improve accessibility for the handicapped and elderly. To qualify,



owner-occupied properties must be located in the Village of Fairport.

The URA also offers the Senior Home Improvement Grant Program, which awards grants to income-eligible seniors and disabled homeowners for essential and/or safety-related home improvements or

repairs. Again, owner-occupied properties must be located in the Village of Fairport.

“We want residents to be aware of these programs and hope many take advantage of them,” Kal Wysokowski, Executive Director of the Office of Community + Economic Development. “We are committed to assisting homeowners as they join us in revitalizing all aspects of the Village of Fairport.”

For full eligibility requirements, please contact Wysokowski in the Office of Community + Economic Development at (585) 421-3240 or [kal@fairportoced.org](mailto:kal@fairportoced.org).

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## Halloween Safety Tips

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- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything tampered with, unwrapped or opened
- Parents and children should immediately report suspicious cars, people or incidents to the Police by calling 911

### For Older Children and Teenagers:

- \* Halloween is notoriously a night of pranks, try to get a handle on your children's plans before they

go out. Explain to them the difference between tricks and vandalism

- Should be accompanied by friends
- Neighborhoods should be agreed upon
- Advise them to stay in well traveled areas
- Time limits should be set



### For Home Owners:

- Welcome Trick-or-Treaters at your home by turning on exterior lights
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to anyone
- Report any suspicious activity to police

**Have a Safe and Fun Halloween!**



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## Garbage Pick-Up Schedule for Holiday Weeks Nov. 2009 to April 2010



**November 11, 2009 – Veteran’s Day Observance (Wednesday)**  
Regular pick-up schedule for the week.

**November 26 and 27, 2009– Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday)**  
Residential garbage collection for Thursday, Nov. 26, will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 25, with the regular Wednesday route. Commercial recycling also will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Commercial dumpsters will be collected on Friday, Nov. 27.

**December 25, 2009 – Christmas Holiday (Friday)**  
Commercial dumpsters and commercial recycling will be emptied Thursday, Dec. 24.

**January 1, 2010 – New Year’s Day (Friday)**  
Commercial dumpsters and commercial recycling will be emptied Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009.

**January 18, 2010 – Martin Luther King Holiday (Monday)**  
Regular pick-up schedule for the week.

**February 15, 2010 – President’s Day (Monday)**  
Regular pick-up schedule for the week.

**April 2, 2010 – Good Friday**  
Commercial dumpsters and commercial recycling will be emptied Thursday, April 1.

*Please note: Household garbage and trash must be out at the curb by 7:30 a.m. the day of pick-up, but not before 6 p.m. the night before. Recyclable materials are picked up Friday each week.*

## Community Events Calendar

### Late November through Mid March Ice Skating

The ice rink will be open noon until 8 p.m. daily, weather permitting, at Fairport Junction on Liftbridge Lane East. Free.



### December - Thursday Nights: Luminary Nights

Look for the luminaries to find participating merchant sales and specials. Open ‘til 9:00pm!



Join in the **Holiday Window Walk “People’s choice”** - vote for your favorite holiday store window display.

### Saturday, December 5th: Come Home for the Holidays

Events to be held at the Gazebo in Kennelly Park:

Horse-drawn Wagon Rides with donation to Perinton Food Shelf

Fairport Fire Dept. Band 4:00 pm

Santa Arrives by Fire Truck 4:00 pm

Community Christmas Tree Lighting 5:00 pm

Free hot cocoa and cookies

