

Village Adopts Historic Preservation Law, Appoints Commission Members

The Fairport Village Board recently adopted a historic preservation ordinance and selected five residents to serve on the new Fairport Historic Preservation Commission.

The proposed Historic Preservation Law protects designated historic structures in the village. The ordinance was developed by a committee of village residents, including representatives from the Planning, Zoning and Village Boards, Youth Advisory Board, Fairport Historical Society, current and past town historians, and interested residents.

“This is a good law to protect Fairport’s rich history and assets,” says Mayor Fritz May. “We want to protect those buildings and properties that reflect the heritage and appearance of our canal village.”

Trustee Leslie White, who served on the committee, says it was developed with residents who are concerned about preserving the village character and historic structures.

In October, the Village Board appointed members to the Commission:



Fairport Village Hall may be considered for historic designation by the new Fairport Historic Preservation Commission

- Charles Smith, an architect who lives on Potter Place.
- Jean Whitney, a retired Minerva Deland School teacher, who lives on Dewey Avenue.
- Bill Poray, a Misty Pine Road resident who works at Delphi.
- Robert Cantwell, a landscape architect with BME who lives on Fifth Avenue.
- Katherine Rudnicki, a Johanna Perrin Middle School teacher with an engineering background who lives on Briggs Avenue.

The Fairport Historic Preservation Commission will embark on intensive training and a survey of the village, to assess and prioritize structures that have historic or architectural value to the community.

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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, 7:15 pm

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Fairport Electric is Proud to Offer New Electronic Pay Option

The Village has expanded the number of options residents have to pay their Fairport Electric bill each month.



customer service department along with a voided check. The application is available on the web site:

www.village.fairport.ny.us.

In addition to the traditional payment that can be made by mail or in person, customers can now pay their bill electronically, says Village Administrator Ken Moore.

There are now two ways to use an electronic payment option:

- (1) Payments can be made via an automated clearinghouse (ACH) transaction. Customers' payments are directly debited from their checking accounts on a pre-set schedule. This has been available for several years but just recently has become more frequently used and more popular. Currently, almost 10 percent of customers use that option. To enroll in ACH, residents can complete a brief application and return it to the Fairport Electric

- (2) The second and newest way to pay electronically is to sign up for a customer-initiated payment – referred to as Internet Bill Payment and Presentment. Each electric customer uses a password to log on to the web site to view or pay their bill.

For customers, the new options can save time and postage, and they can pay their bill on their own schedule, Moore says. For Fairport Electric, it avoids repeated transactions, and limits the number of cash and checks that have to be transported.



If customers have questions or need help with any of the payment options, they can call Fairport Electric's customer service line at (585) 223-0440.

Historic Preservation Commission

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Criteria for historic status would be based on architecture and age. If a building is designated by the commission, the law would protect the exterior, visible from a public way, from being altered and prohibit it from being destroyed. The law will not regulate changes to the interior of historic properties.

Home Improvement Grants Available for Senior Residents

Senior homeowners can get financial help for home improvements that may assist with emergency and critical repairs from the Fairport Office of Community and Economic Development.

The funds are available to homeowners who are at least 62 years old, who own their own village home, and who may need a project done, but cannot afford it themselves. Most of the grants are awarded because the repair is essential and the resident is living on a fixed income and cannot pay to have the work done, says Kal Wysokowski, executive director of the Office of Community and Economic Development.

Eligible repairs are items of an emergency, essential or safety-related nature, and include items such as heating, plumbing, electric, roofing, insulation or other serious repairs. Grants also may be used for modifications to accommodate persons with disabilities. The program is not intended to provide cosmetic, non-essential or general upgrade improvements. The maximum grant is \$4,000 and requires no repayment.

To be eligible, a homeowner must meet the following income guidelines:

- One-person households with a gross annual income of less than \$26,940, and for two-person households with an annual gross income of less than \$30,780, a grant of up to \$4,000 is available.

- One-person households with a gross annual income of less than \$31,430, and for two-person households with an annual gross income of less than \$35,910, a grant of up to \$3,000, or 50 percent of the cost of repairs, whichever is less, is available.
- One-person households with a gross annual income of less than \$35,920, and for two-person households with an annual gross income of less than \$41,040, a grant of up to \$2,000, or 50 percent of the cost of repairs, whichever is less, is available.

Most grant applications require two cost estimates be obtained. Exceptions may be made. Please check with the Fairport Urban Renewal Agency in advance.

Grants must be approved by the Agency prior to the work being done. No grant will be awarded if work has begun. Wysokowski invites residents to call her or stop by the office to find out if a project is eligible.

The grant program is a reimbursement program. Upon completion of the work, the funds will be sent to both the homeowner and contractor.

To apply, please contact Wysokowski in the Office of Community and Economic Development, (585) 223-0313.

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Get Your Home Ready for Winter



To save on home heating costs by using energy more efficiently, take steps now to prepare your home and heating systems for the winter months ahead, advises Building Inspector James T. Steen. These actions will ensure that you have heat when you need it.



Prior to the winter season, have your heating system checked by a qualified

service technician. For wood- and oil-fired units, this must be done every year, with special attention inspecting the chimney inside and out. Gas-fired units should be cleaned and tuned every other year. Never try to repair your heating system yourself.



Clear space around heating units, heat registers, water heaters, appliance vents and exhaust ducts. Vacuum dust from floor and baseboard registers for optimum heat transfer.



Seal any holes or cracks that allow cold air in. Caulk around windows and close storm windows, and replace

any broken panes on storm doors and windows. Weather strip around doorframes that produce drafts.



Check insulation in your attic, walls, ceilings and floors, and add insulation as needed where you can.



Remove window air conditioning units during the cold months. If this is not possible, cover all sides with an insulation blanket manufactured for air conditioners.



And do not forget to remove the garden hose from outside faucets to eliminate damage from freezing.

Snow Removal Tips For Residents

The Department of Public Works offers 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, says DPW Foreman Nicholas Pittinaro. 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 before the snow season begins. 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.

Department of Public Works Readies for Winter in New Building



The Department of Public Works staff members are preparing for the winter season with the additional benefit of a new, spacious facility, located at the end of Railroad Street, just north of the Conrail tracks.

“We are happy to be here, and we are enjoying the benefits of this large, modern facility,” says DPW Foreman Nicholas Pittinaro.

“Everything we need to serve the residents of the village is in one building, and all the employees are in one place,” he said. “DPW crews are not working out of three different facilities, as we had been for years, and they can load everything inside.”

The new building, completed earlier this year, includes a 19,000-square-foot garage for storage and other needs related to village equipment, plowing and maintenance work performed throughout the year. It also offers 3,500 square feet of office space and administrative offices, as well as common space for training and meetings, and shower and changing areas. There is also a smaller, detached garage for storage.

“It meets the needs of the department and we are ready for another winter season of plowing, salting and maintaining our streets, sidewalks and parking areas for safe passage by our village residents,” Pittinaro says.

Night parking rules enforced beginning November 1

Village of Fairport officials remind citizens that the Night Parking Ordinance takes effect Nov. 1 and runs through April 1.

During this time, no vehicle may be parked on any street overnight, specifically between 3 and 7 a.m., to allow for effective snow removal and salting during the winter months. This ban also is in effect during snow emergencies.

The charge for parking tickets is as follows: \$20 with an automatic increase to \$30 if not paid within 10 days. After 90 days this increases to \$50. A Handicapped Parking Fine is \$80, which includes a \$30 state surcharge.



Village Requires Special-Use Permits For Large Buildings

Special-use permits are now required to be reviewed by the Village Board for construction of any new building over 6,000 square feet.

A law has been written and put into place giving the Village Board the opportunity to assess each permit on a case-by-case basis, says Mayor Fritz May. This permit process allows the Village Board to consider a project prior to Planning and Zoning Board involvement.

“This gives us the opportunity to have greater oversight of new development and additional input into the process,” says Deputy Mayor Kevin Clark.

For residents and contractors, the approval process for a larger building will begin with a permit application to the Village Board followed by reviews and approval by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sign Permits Issued for New Businesses in 2007

Ambiance Blinds,
85 S. Main St.

The Balanced Athlete,
36 West Ave.

Blue Cactus Restaurant,
5 Liftbridge Lane East

Canalside Grill,
10 Liftbridge Lane West

Chinese-Indonesian Self
Defense School,
126 Fairport Village Landing

Garman Chiropractic,
142 Fairport Village Landing

Mglomb Advertising,
30 Liftbridge Lane East

Millstone Graphics,
13 N. Main St.

Priority Thinking,
30 Liftbridge Lane East

Salvatore's Pizza,
55 S. Main St.



Water Quality: How You Can Make a Difference

The Village of Fairport is coordinating with the Water Education Collaborative (WEC) to increase water quality education in the community, and inspire people to take action to help protect the water quality of Lake Ontario, the Genesee River, and the streams and ponds within the watershed.



A watershed is all the land that drains to a specific location, like a river or lake. The water that falls as rain in southern New York state can end up in Lake Ontario. We all live in a watershed, which is why it is so important to realize that anything we do on the land affects our streams and lakes.

Most of the pollution in Lake Ontario, the Genesee River and streams comes from polluted runoff or nonpoint sources, such as lawn and farm chemicals; runoff from roads, roofs and parking lots; soil erosion; pet waste; leaky septic tanks; air pollution; and dumping down storm drains.

There are some things residents can consider that can have a positive impact:

- Learn how to become a “water detective.” Find out what lives in the water and how healthy our local streams really are.
- Learn to reduce your use of fertilizers and pesticides on home lawns to protect water quality. Many recommendations save time and money.
- Help paint messages on storm drains to keep dangerous products out of our waterways. The Village of Fairport has been coordinating volunteers to mark Fairport storm drains with an educational message, such as “Don’t Dump Drains to Thomas Creek” or “Don’t Dump Drains to Erie Canal.”
- If you are a teacher, there are many ways we can help you bring water quality lessons into the classroom.

For more information, please contact Noreen Mazurowski at the Water Education Collaborative, or Ken Moore at the Village of Fairport. Mazurowski can be reached at (585) 271-4552 x324 or by e-mail at noreen_mazurowski@rmsc.org. Moore can be reached at (585) 421-3201 or by e-mail at kwm@fairportny.com.



Village Plans Full Schedule of Community Events



Through November 17:
Farmer's Market
7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays



November:

Erie Canal Closing

Seasonal Closing Celebration and Village Activities (TBA)



November to 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 1:

Santa Arrives

Visit Santa at 4 p.m. at the Village Hall. Watch the annual tree-lighting. Sing carols with the Fairport Fire Department Band. Ride on a horse drawn wagon.



December 8:

Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration

Friday evening fireworks, followed by weekend shopping and dining in our village full of Holiday activities.

February 16:

Fairport Winter Fest

Celebrate winter at this annual event from noon to 6 p.m. at Fairport Junction on Liftbridge Lane.

March 26:

Annual Brotherhood-Sisterhood March for Unity

Event sponsored by the Fairport Central School District.

April 25:

Arbor Day Ceremony

4 p.m. Location to be determined..



Village Honors Long-time Employees

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Fritz May and the village Trustees recognized a number of long-time employees for their service and diligence. The village, along with the New York Council of Mayors periodically perform this recognition with a certificate for 25 years or more of service.

The recent presentation included awards for:

- Mitch Wilke, Superintendent of Fairport Electric, 35 years of service;
- Nicholas Pittinaro, Department of Public Works foreman, 31 years of service;
- Theodore Leisten, senior motor equipment operator, 31 years of service;
- Diane Indovino, who recently retired as deputy village clerk, 25 years of service.

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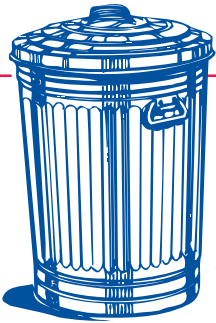


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Garbage Pick-Up Schedule for Holiday Weeks

November 2007 to March 2008

Veterans' Day

November 12 – Regular pick-up schedule all week.

will be collected Wednesday, Jan. 2, with Wednesday's regular collection. Rest of the week is regular schedule.

Martin Luther King Day

January 21 – Regular pick-up schedule all week.

Presidents' Day

February 18 – Regular pick-up schedule all week.

Thanksgiving

November 22 and 23 – Thursday route collection on Wednesday, Nov. 21. Commercial Dumpsters and commercial recycling emptied Thursday, Nov. 23

Good Friday

March 21 – Commercial Dumpsters and commercial recycling will be emptied Thursday, March 20, instead of Friday.

Christmas

December 25 – Garbage collection for Tuesday, Dec. 25, will be collected Monday, Dec. 24, with Monday's regular collection. Garbage collection for Wednesday, Dec. 26, will be collected Dec. 27 with Thursday's collection.

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.

New Year's Day

January 1 – Garbage collection for Tuesday, Jan. 1,

Village Hall Closings

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

Veterans' Day - Monday, November 12

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23

Christmas - Monday, Dec. 24, closing at noon; closed through Thursday, Dec. 26.

New Year's - Monday, Dec. 31, closing at noon; closed through Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 21.

Presidents' Day - Monday, February 18.

Good Friday - Friday, March 21.