

New Police Chief, New Sergeant, Two New Officers



The Fairport Police Department is back to full form and strength with the hiring of Chief Maureen Chisholm. Chief Chisholm becomes the first female police chief in Monroe County and brings a wealth of experience to our village. After many years of experience with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department in various patrol and leadership positions, Chief Chisholm begins a new chapter in her law enforcement

career here in Fairport - her "adopted home town". The swearing-in was held during the October village board meeting which was moved to the Fairport Fire Department building on East Church Street to accommodate the overflow crowd of friends, family, and law enforcement dignitaries, representing the State Police, FBI, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, City of Rochester and local police department chiefs, past and present.

During the board meeting Officer Joseph Monahan joined the force. He brings four years of experience with the Newark Police Department, including the Wayne Net Narcotics Enforcement Team.



Officer Phil Provenzano was sworn in at a previous board meeting and joins our community after serving with the Clyde Police Department, Mt. Morris Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Both officers are looking forward to getting to know our community.



After four years of distinguished service, Officer Matthew Nielsen earned a promotion to the rank of sergeant on Oct. 14th and received

his new badge during the swearing-in ceremony.

From the Chief's Desk

Holiday tips to keep in mind:

- Keep cash to a minimum.
- Use only ATM's in well lit areas.
- Be aware of your surroundings; if you feel uncomfortable for any reason, leave the area immediately and go to a public place.

- Keep your cell phone charged and accessible.
- Place packages in the trunk or in an inconspicuous place within your vehicle before leaving the area. Avoid placing items when you have just parked and are leaving your vehicle.
- Confine charitable giving to reputable established organizations. If you are unfamiliar with an agency

request literature so you can make informed decisions.

- Do not give out any personal information or credit card information to solicitors.
- Register your phone number with the DO NOT CALL REGISTRY for unwanted solicitations. This does not prevent all callers; if solicitors call simply hang up—it is your phone!

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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
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The Mayor's Corner

Fall has arrived and once again we will have leaves to rake and piles for pick-up. DPW foreman Nick Pittinaro has requested that one big pile is best for pick-up when using either the clam loader or vacuum truck. Place the pile of leaves within the tree lawn area (that area between the sidewalk and the street). If you live on a street with gutters and no sidewalk, pile leaves on the lawn just inside the gutter area. PLEASE do not include sticks, limbs, rocks or other debris in the leaf pile. Wet leaves become slippery and can clog storm sewer grates, thus creating water back up and flooding during heavy rains. Also remember that children like to play in leaf piles and piles placed to close to the street can create an extremely dangerous situation.

Fall also means the time has come to have your furnace tuned and cleaned in

preparation for the heating season. Chimneys used for wood stoves and fireplaces should be checked and cleaned. If you are thinking about installing a new wood stove or fireplace, a building permit is required. Also, if you are planning to change fuel to an existing unit, this triggers the need for a building permit.

Enjoy the fall and all the village has to offer throughout the seasons ahead.

Village Hall Closings

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

- Dec. 24 at noon – Dec. 26: Christmas**
- Dec. 31 at noon – Jan. 1: New Year**
- Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Day**
- Feb. 16: Presidents Day**
- April 10: Good Friday**

Head of OCED Chairs Annual New York State Canal Conference

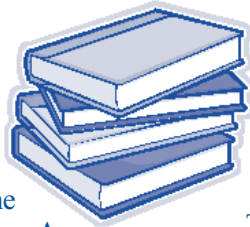
Fairport once again played an integral role in the exchange of ideas related to the state's canal system. Kal Wysokowski, executive director of the Office of Community and Economic Development, served as chair of the 2008 New York State Canal Conference, held Oct. 5, 6 and 7 in Lockport, Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier. The Holiday Inn on Grand Island was the host hotel.

“The conference’s primary importance is the exciting exchange of ideas,” Wysokowski said. This year the event opened with a plenary session titled “A Dialogue with the Director,” which featured Carmella Mantello discussing the future of the NYS Canal System. The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp., a subsidiary of Empire State Development, hosted a day of exploration in Buffalo’s new Inner Harbor. Additionally, Beth Sciumeca, executive director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (ECNHC) and the new ECNHC Chair Joseph Callahan provided news about their federal commission and its work with the National Park Service.

The successful event was attended by representatives from dozens of communities from across New York, from Little Falls to Schuylerville, Camillus to Rochester to Buffalo.

Fairport Library Considers Two Undisclosed, Nearby Locations

Two sites “very close” to the existing Fairport Library officially are viable options for a future library relocation, according to Bethanne White, the newly elected president of the Fairport Library Board of Trustees. A two-story 35,000 to 40,000 square-foot library will be designed, accounting for Fairport village character and design standards, once a site is selected based on legal and architectural advice. White said the library hopes to purchase the selected site and build the new facility, contingent on voter approval of a capital bond.



will succeed.” Vocal community input to keep the library in the village coincides with the Library Board’s own views.

The Library Board is “committed to communicating its thinking, direction, and progress” to the community as relocation plans continue, White said. The board has selected a team of community volunteers to improve library programs and seek additional community views on the new facility. However, community input for site selection or architectural advice will not be sought because those issues require professional advice. The community group’s involvement thus will begin after the Library Board selects the new site and develops architectural plans.

Fairport residents patiently await any news and undoubtedly will have opinions on architecture, location and impact, regardless of the site chosen. White remains confident that the board’s choices will take into account and coincide with Fairport residents’ desires and interests.

“The Fairport Village Board of Trustees has met with and greatly helped the Library Board of Trustees,” White said. The existing heavily trafficked library has a demand for services that is “going through the roof,” she explained. The Library Board feels it is “inappropriate” to spend tax money for a new facility on privately owned property, according to White. The library’s existing Village Landing location shows significant wear and limited improvements after more than 30 years on the leased site – undoubtedly fueling the library’s desire for independent ownership. The library may cancel its 24,700-square-foot Village Landing leases without penalty in 2013, by giving notice in 2012.

“The two sites now under consideration both have buildings”, White said. Difficulty acquiring open space in Fairport Village precludes a single-story library, which White says the Library Board would prefer. “A three-story building is cost prohibitive due to increased staffing costs”, states White. Parking and a drive-through book drop, which patrons have requested, likewise present challenges. Nevertheless, White said “the Library Board has been working very hard to locate a space in the Village, and remains confident” it

Fairport Village Board



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Roof Revitalization Project for Historic Village Hall Completed

The second phase of a Village Hall roofing project was completed this year. The flat roof and the hip roof over the main part of the building were repaired. In 2007 the area generally over the Fairport Police Department was the focus of the work. The total project cost \$185,000.

The project was able to maintain the historic nature of the building by replacing some parts of the gutters and louver vents in copper, which was the original intent in early 1900s, said Ken Moore, village administrator.

In addition to reroofing, it was discovered during the work that the wood underlayment needed to be replaced to ensure the roof would last for a very long time. Ventilation improvements also brought the building up to modern standards.

10 Things You Should Do to Save the World (and Fairport)

- 1 Place your leaves in containers or neat piles next to (not in) the street.
- 2 Place your garbage or recycling out after 6:00 P.M. the night before pickup.
- 3 Separate brush from trash and stack nicely for chipping.
- 4 Tell your contractors they must provide for construction trash removal.
- 5 Follow the guidelines for recycling materials.
- 6 Properly dispose of hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, pesticides and electronic devices through Monroe County Waste Disposal (585-274-8105)
- 7 Place garbage and trash items on your property only, not in the sidewalk, roadway, medians or cul-de-sac areas.
- 8 Large metal items that can be recycled should be separate from trash.
- 9 Remember to park off-street during overnight hours from November through April.
- 10 And ...Say "THANKS" when you see our dedicated village employees from the Department of Public Works.

Fairport, Through and Through - An Interview of Mayor Frederick "Fritz" May



Fairport Memories

Mayor Frederick "Fritz" May knows Fairport like the back of his hand. He grew up on East Street. His parents met at Fairport's American Can Company where they worked. May's grandparents were Penfield farmers.

"Fairport is a great place," May said, adding "I'll never leave." All three May siblings — Fritz, his sister and brother — remain in Fairport today. His brother stills lives in the family home.

May attended grade school at the present-day Crosman senior living building on East Avenue. He has fond memories of summers on its playground, and arts and crafts programs there. Years later, he heard the building might be torn down and fought to protect it. He is thrilled it has been restored, believing it is "important to Fairport's history."

May and his wife, Georgia, bought their South Main Street home 37 years ago. May was an art teacher at Webster High School where he taught design, ceramics and sculpture for 34 years. "It was the best job in the world," he says, "I would do it all over again." The Mays' daughter and her family reside in Fairport, and their son and his family live in New York City. May enjoys his four grandchildren.

May clearly fills all of his "spare time." He serves as chairman of the trustees at his church. He jokingly says fixing up his two Fairport rental properties is his "therapy." Each summer, he mows five lawns a week - including the Perinton Historical Museum. Managing the Fairport Farmers' Market is another pet project from May through November each year. Fritz serves on the Canal Days Board, selecting and placing vendors for the weekend festival.

Fairport Government, History, and Preservation

For more than 20 years, Mayor May has worked in Fairport government. He spent five years on Fairport's Planning Board and became chairman. In 1989, he was voted onto Fairport's Board of Trustees. After 14 years as deputy mayor, villagers voted him mayor in 2006.

May remembers Fairport buildings just as they were when he was growing up. He recalls the 1968 fire that destroyed the Cottage Hotel at North Main Street and Liftbridge Lane East. That 1886 Queen Anne-styled brick building, with arched windows and a four-story hexagonal tower, served villagers and canal, railroad and trolley passengers for many years. He also vividly recalls the wrecking ball knocking down South Main Street's old buildings during the 1970s urban renewal. "Fairport lost some nice Main Street buildings," he said.

May has been an advocate for historical preservation in Fairport for years. He is a longtime volunteer with the Perinton Historical Society, working in many capacities, including president and treasurer for more than 10 years. He co-chaired both Fairport's 125th celebration and Perinton's 175th celebration.

As deputy mayor, May managed the restoration of the Potter home on West Church Street and the west entrance to Village Hall. He admits he would love to be an architect. Implementing Fairport's Historic Preservation Law is now May's "big pet project," he said. He wants Fairport to be a friendly, livable village, not a museum. The main idea of historically designated properties, he said, is "visual, it must look right — you just don't change the character of what you've got. We respect people here, and that respect is why people are taking care of their property and doing appropriate things."

Long-Time Favorites: Our Farmer's Market Vendors



In 1967, Fairport's Farmer's Market began. Then-Village Trustee Patricia Smith (now Patricia Knapp) believed villagers needed a local place to buy fresh produce. According to Mayor Frederick "Fritz" May, she worked hard to bring vendors to the market behind the old South Main Street businesses.

Fairport's Farmer's Market now has more than 60 vendors weekly, and about 100 vendors over the course of the summer. At 5:30 on Saturday mornings, vendors arrive and set up behind Bank of America and along the Village Landing parking lot. The mayor, who hails from a local farming family, admits the Farmer's Market is his "pet project" and has been for 19 years. He selects and manages vendors to assure villagers a steady supply of produce and goods. He also arrives each Saturday morning shortly after 5:30 a.m., and frequently stays through the day, to greet villagers, make sure all runs smoothly and close it down.

Walloping crowds arrive every Saturday morning – thousands of people, May estimates — taking advantage of reasonably priced produce and goods. Villagers and others buy fruit, vegetables, herbs, organics, plants, baked goods, dog treats, honey, meats, eggs, cheeses, hot foods and drinks, crafts, and more.

We all love our Farmer's Market, but who are the 60 vendors that make it a success? All vendors provide their best – and we interviewed three who will continue to sell into the fall, to give a representative glimpse of the many incredible folks who come

to sell us such wonderful goods. Make sure you visit them all.

Vercruyse Farm's Greens And Vegetables

Richard Vercruyse's fresh lettuces and vegetables are locally grown at his Fairport-Macedon-border farm on County Line Road.

About 20 years ago, Vercruyse's mother first suggested selling at Fairport's Farmer's Market. Her market stand was so successful that the Vercruyse's have sold at Fairport ever since. Maryann Paul, Vercruyse's aunt, helped Vercruyse's mother for years at the market, and continues running their stand today, along with Vercruyse's nephew, Billy.

Richard Vercruyse can't praise Fairport's Farmer's Market enough.

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Standard Time & Lights Brightens Main Street

Refurbished antique chandeliers, wall sconces, and table and floor lamps, as well as refurbished antique clocks, are sold at Standard Time & Lights, a new Fairport store opened at 1 N. Main St., by co-owners Fran and John Fadden. New lamp shades, contemporary lighting, night lights, and lamp repair also are offered.

After years of carting their wares to antique shows, the Faddens settled their long-time lighting business at this canal-side Fairport location, between the Liftbridge and the Millstone block. Fran loves her "cute" village store, with its windows to display her fine antique lighting. The display includes beautiful former oil and gas chandeliers, now wired for today's electric homes. An entry wall is adorned with ticking old clocks, from simple Mission to Victorian ornate. Refurbished lighting and clocks are sold all ready to be installed by the customer, said Fran. A collection of decorative antique oil night lights embellish the window overlooking the canal. Nearby, modern sensor night lights and fiber optic night lights with swirling, changing colors offer modern convenience and flair.

Standard Time & Lights also offers custom lighting advice. "We have shades for everything, from basic traditional to Victorian," Fran said. The Faddens also carry catalogs so customers can order particular lamp shades and fabrics. To further help customers, the Faddens show customers pictures of their lighting as it appears in homes, and also of additional lighting not yet in the store. On the repair end, John Fadden fixes all lamps and lighting. Lamp parts, from finials to fittings, are sold.

Fran Fadden originally is from Rochester, and John Fadden is from Oswego. They have resided in Pittsford for 13 years, and also lived in Syracuse, St. Louis, Connecticut and Chicago while Fran worked for Kraft Foods.

Standard Time & Lights is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Faddens welcome calls at (585) 388-7560, or just drop in next time the liftbridge stops you on the north end.

Fire Department Gains Inflatable Rescue Boat

The Fairport Fire Department's new inflatable rescue boat began as a vision of the current chief officers, who saw a need for a more versatile craft to protect Fairport's section of the canal. Chief Dave Compton appointed a committee made up of several veteran firefighters. Together, Perry Peck, Ray Seigfried, past Chief Bryan Williams and Tim Kennelley have nearly 115 years combined experience in the Fairport Fire Department.

The "boat committee" began a nearly two-year search to find the best water craft to suit our growing community's needs and provide the service residents have come to expect from their fire department. After viewing boats of all styles and sizes, it was decided to steer toward an inflatable craft. The committee did exhaustive research into other departments, including the Fire Department of New York (FDNY), Jersey City Fire Department, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Department, seeking input and recommendations about which raft would best suit Fairport's needs.

The decision was made to purchase an Achilles 12-foot inflatable raft with a 20



horsepower motor. "All we had to do was find the money to pay for it," Compton said. Assemblyman David Koon had assured the department he would do his best to secure a grant to help us fund the purchase. Support also came from village merchants who helped organize a "boot drive" to raise money.

"It's important to note that every effort was made to avoid any cost to the taxpayers of our fire protection district," Compton said. "With the help of everyone involved, we took delivery of our new boat in August 2008."

A trailer also was purchased to haul the boat and in which to store gear, based on the model of the Rochester Fire Department's water rescue raft and trailer. Two members of the Fairport Fire Department, Scott Copp and Rick Taft, worked to outfit and modify the trailer to make it an extremely functional addition to the department. It was operational for the 2008 Liftbridge Regatta on Sept. 21 hosted by the Fairport Crew.

Continuing development of the water rescue team will involve continued training, so look for department members on the canal in the spring.

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.



New Business Injects Excitement Into Downtown

A major village focus has always been the economic development of the downtown business district. Success in that arena continues with the addition of a new merchant – Mulconry’s Irish Pub – in the Liftbridge Lane area.

Success definitely breeds success in this “restaurant row,” from Donnelly’s Public House to the Blue Cactus Mexican Grille to Mulconry’s, said Scott Winner, director of the Fairport Village Partnership.

“But it all begins with good planning and before that, a shared vision for what the area could become, all brought to fruition through close collaboration between the private sector, the Office of Community and Economic Development, the village government and the Fairport Village Partnership,” Winner said.

Kal Wysokowski, executive director of the Office of Community and Economic Development and former director of the Fairport Village Partnership, added that public improvements like Fairport Electric’s new facility, coupled with new sidewalks, curbs, bump-outs and lights, jumpstarted the development. The Green Tavern became Donnelley’s Public House, which assisted in attracting more businesses. With such positive momentum, potential business owners had

reassurance they were making wise investments.

Another factor, according to Winner, has been the improvements to the Fairport Junction festival site (formerly Columbus Commons), which preceded the private sector development.

“This is a scenario that we’ve seen work time and again in Fairport – public infrastructure improvements stimulating private sector investment in adjoining properties,” Winner said.

The result has been tremendous vitality and unprecedented activity on Liftbridge Lane throughout summer and well into the fall.

Business continues to be brisk, and the choices for eating out in Fairport are varied: Fairport Village Inn, Stephanie’s, Joey B’s, the Green Lantern Inn, Donnelly’s, Mulconry’s, the Blue Cactus, Rikki’s, The Landing Bar & Grill, Cappuccino Italiano, the Royal Cafe, and Whatcha Got Cookin’ provide a range of options.

With the expected redevelopment of the former DPW site in the pipeline by John Colaroutolo of Anco Builders conversations about other properties in the village and on Liftbridge Lane specifically are expected to lead to additional new businesses joining the community.

CAP Grant Will Consider Parking, Pedestrian and Bicycle Traffic

As business continues to increase in the village, government leaders and business owners are aware that ways to improve access by motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians will become more necessary.

The village has secured a Circulation, Access and Parking (CAP) program grant created by the federal government and organized locally by Genesee Transportation Council. The government awarded \$50,000 to the village, and the village is contributing \$10,000 to the project.

Most of the grant will be used to hire a consultant, inventory current conditions in the village, solicit comments from interested parties and groups, and apply good planning and transportation methods to reach a list of recommendations, according to Village Administrator Ken Moore.

“The intention is to look at central business district and evaluate what can be improved by CAP as it relates to vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle circulation,” Moore said.

The village’s Comprehensive Plan, which was a wider planning effort updated in 2007, recognized that vehicle congestion and pedestrian access were in some cases problematic in the central business district, Moore added.

“In addition, the Genesee Transportation Council recently finished a Route 250 corridor study,

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"It's perfect," he said. "It's on the right day, at the right spot," adding that it draws big crowds because there's plenty of parking. Vercruysse sells at the Rochester Public Market, too, but says, proportionally, he sells as much at Fairport as there. "There's nothing that compares to the Fairport Market in any other town," Vercruysse said, noting he has sold at and looked into the Irondequoit, Pittsford, Greece, Canandaigua and Geneva markets.

Vercruysse is from a third-generation local farming family. His grandfather farmed in Irondequoit, and his parents bought their Fairport-Macedon farm in 1955. He now runs that farm, 50 years later, with his retired father's help, and hopes his young daughter will be more involved in the coming years. The Vercruysse's grow and sell fantastic Green Leaf, Red Leaf, Romaine, and Boston lettuces, spinach, arugula, escarole, cilantro, carrots, radishes, leeks, and parsnips.

Wilma and Herman Young's Apple and Fruit Farm and Winery

"People call me the 'fruit lady,'" says Wilma Young. For 24 years, she has sold apples, and a wide variety of other fruit, at the Farmer's Market. Wilma and her husband, Herman Young, specialize in fresh-eating apples and fruit, growing 20 varieties at their 20-acre Williamson farm. They just recently opened a grape and fruit winery there.

Herman, a fourth-generation New York farmer, grows "a little of everything to bring to the market," and every week, Wilma brings new varieties as the fruit ripens. The Youngs sell apples in baskets and bulk, allowing customers to purchase mix varieties. Selling at midseason are "classic" apples – MacIntosh, Macoun, Cortland, and



Gala. Next come Honey Crisp and Asian Senshu – a sweet Japanese Fuji hybrid – as well as Braeburn and Empire. Fuji apples sell at season's end. Bartlett pears, peaches, nectarines, plums, and prune plums also are sold.

The Youngs bought their Williamson fruit farm in 1978, when Herman Young realized he missed farming and his growing family needed a larger home. Herman's family has owned farms in Williamson and Sodus since Herman's great-grandfather first arrived from the Netherlands. Although Herman went to college and works a "real job," as his wife calls it, as a design engineer at Xerox's Webster facility, Herman wanted to return to his farming roots.

Wilma's background adds to the mix. Born in Germany, into a family with Rhine River Valley vintners, her family immigrated to Perry, N.Y., in 1955. Wilma now runs a weekly newspaper, the *Sun and Record*, which covers Williamson and Sodus.

The Youngs' replanted their Williamson farm, over the years, with fresh-eating

apple tree varieties, to meet the increasing demand for quality fresh fruit. They experiment with apple varieties, and this year may plant more sweet Sansa apples — because Sansas sold out so quickly at Fairport's Farmer's Market.

Beyond their Saturday Farmer's Market stand, the Youngs opened the Young Sommer Winery (www.yswinery.com) in May 2008. Collaborating with Jan Klapetzky, a renowned and winning winemaker for more than 30 years, they produce boutique, hand-crafted, quality fruit and grape wines, and offer weekend afternoon winetastings at their 3247 Jersey Road farm in Williamson, just 15 minutes east of Webster. Drop by one afternoon.

Bundschuh's Greenhouses

Bundschuh Greenhouses is truly a local business. Bob Bundschuh grew up in Fairport on Dewey Avenue, and now lives on Nelson Street. His sister helps with floral design and lives a block away.

During the week, Bob and his sister work full-time jobs. Bundschuh is an engineering manager and his sister searches abstract titles. But on Saturdays, Bundschuh Greenhouses draw crowds at the Farmer's Market.

Bundschuh started growing flowers 13 years ago with his father, a residential and commercial gardener. He took classes at Cornell and Ohio State, read books, and then started selling cut flowers he grew on two acres. Bundschuh next bought three heated greenhouses in Macedon. He now grows and sells annuals, perennials, hanging floral baskets and mums. He employs 11 workers.

Garden Club Brings Beauty to Village Through the Seasons



The Four Seasons Garden Club has continued with their Civic Beautification project for 2008. The plantings of the “WELCOME” sign beds of the Village of Fairport at three different sites continued into fall.

The West Church Street site by Debby and Ellen

Reynolds was planted and maintained throughout the summer and fall. The East Church Street site by Anne Johnston and Heather Bauer. Joyce Dennis, Pat Palmer and Marion Montevecchio planted and maintained the North Main Street site.

Fairport Electric Bill Payment Options

Fairport Electric strives to make it easy for electric customer to pay their monthly bill. Not too long ago, payments could only be made in-person or by mail. Those options are still available but there are other ways which can save time and money. Please consider these two options.

Direct debit payment allows Fairport Electric to transfer money automatically each month from your bank account to pay your electric bill. By signing up for direct debit payment, you will continue to receive a bill by mail but need do nothing more, saving you time, effort and postage.

Online bill payment allows each customer to access their billing information via internet and pay a monthly bill from a bank account when they choose. The customer can continue to receive a bill by mail or cancel the paper bill after a trial period.

Southern Gateway Sub Area Plan Committee Considers Intersection of Four Corners

At the April Village Board meeting, the formation of a special committee – the Southern Gateway Sub Area Plan Committee – was approved to create a vision for the four corners of Fairport at the intersection of Routes 250 and 31F.

Trustee Chris Heisman chaired the committee, which began meeting in May. It includes, representatives from: the businesses at the four corners, the First Baptist Church, members of the Fairport Zoning Board, the Fairport Planning Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Fairport Village Partnership, the Fairport Perinton Merchants Association, the Office of Community and Economic Development, the Fairport Perinton Historical Society, and residents.

The committee’s goal was to create a vision that could serve as a guide for proposed development and recommendations for improvements to protect and showcase the historical character while improving pedestrian and motorist safety as residents and visitors patronize the village.

The committee presented a report at the Village Board meeting in December. This plan will complement the existing Comprehensive Plan and the Main Streetscape plan.

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another in a series of planning efforts that will make recommendations the village can choose to implement so that Fairport continues to be a friendly place.”

Since the grant was awarded in August, resumes have been considered and a consultant is now being selected. It is expected that work will begin around the first of the year. The process may take as long as 10 to 12 months, but valuable information about considerations of downtown will be gleaned from Day 1, Moore said.

“In fact, we should have enough information as we enter our budget season in spring 2009 to make some initial improvements,” he said.



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Winter 2008 Community Events Calendar

December 6:

Come Home for the Holidays

Events to be held at the Gazebo in Kennelly Park:

Horse and Wagon Rides

Donations to Perinton Food Shelf accepted

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



Thursday Nights December 4, 11 & 18:

Holiday Shopping and Dining in Fairport

December 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.



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Garbage Pick-Up Schedule for Holiday Weeks Through April 2009

Dec. 25 & 26 – Christmas Holiday:

Residential garbage collection for Thursday, Dec. 25, will be collected Wednesday, Dec. 24, with the regular Wednesday route. Commercial recycling will also be collected Wednesday, Dec. 24. Commercial Dumpsters will be collected on Friday, Dec. 26.



Jan. 1 – New Year's Day: Garbage collection for Thursday, Jan. 1 will be collected Friday, Jan. 2. Regular pick up schedule for the rest of the week.

Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Day: Regular pick-up schedule all week.

Feb. 16 – President's Day: Regular pick-up schedule all week.

April 10 – Good Friday: Commercial Dumpsters and Commercial Recycling will be emptied Thursday, April 9.

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.