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Spring 2015

FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

Myron J. Thurston, Supervisor

Hello Town of Vernon Residents,

I am writing this article for our newsletter on February 19. There are near blizzard conditions, and even though I enjoy winter enough is enough, *let spring begin.*

Our community is a great place to call home, all of us should be thankful every day for the opportunity to live here. It has been a blessing to be able to raise my family here and serve as the Supervisor. The people that work for you in your Town government have not forgotten who they work for, the taxpayers of the Town of Vernon, we listen to you.

The Oneida County roads have been serviced by Oneida County DPW this winter because Oneida County chose to not offer the Town of Vernon a contract to plow this winter, or mow the sides of their roads next summer. Highway Supt Art Freemire and the Town Highway Dept. had to make changes, at the last minute, to balance their budget and so far it is looking good financially. They have done a great job on our town roads as usual.

It is a challenge for the Town Board to continue the services that we must provide and keep your taxes low. The revenues we receive are constantly fluctuating and adjustments are made. The group of people overseeing the financial health of your town spend your tax dollar like they were their own. The people that are elected and are employed by you will help and treat you with respect at the Town Offices and Highway Garage.

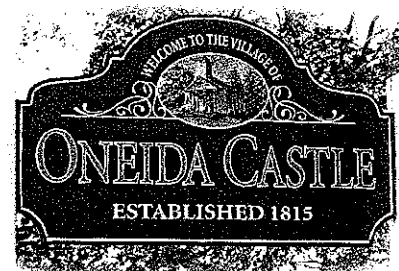
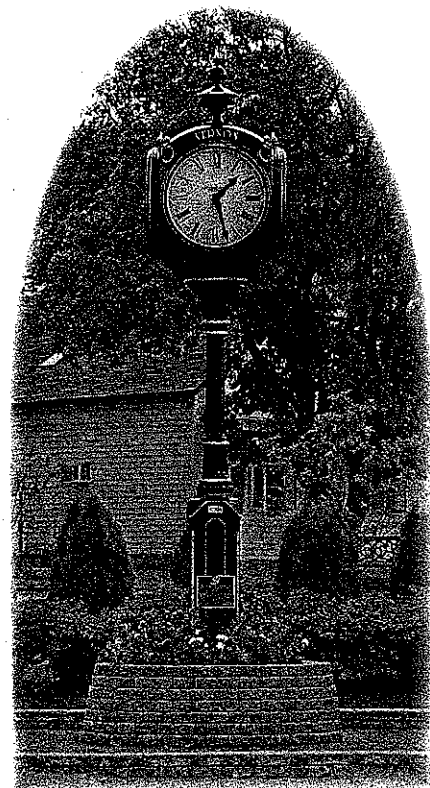
The Town does not have any major projects that are definite; we are always exploring the expansion of public water and sewers into the town outside. Grants for such projects to make them affordable to you are very difficult to come by at this time.

In closing I wish you and your family a wonderful year ahead.

God Bless you and your family.

Myron J Thurston

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Supervisor





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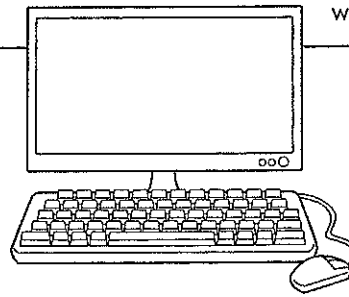
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WEBSITE NOW HAS TAX INFORMATION:

For your convenience Town and County tax bills for the Town of Vernon can now be found on our website. All the tax bill information is included and can be printed out. The website is "townofvernon.com" and if you look on the Home page at the column on the left you will see "Town and County Tax Bills". This is updated every day and shows the date the bill was paid. Any payments that are made at the County will not be shown here. We are happy to provide this service to you and hope it will save you time. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 829-2422.

Happy Retirement

Janet Pohley, Deputy Town Clerk, retired on December 17, 2014 after 20 years of public service at the Town of Vernon. We congratulate her and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Her husband, three daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren will surely keep her busy. We appreciate her loyal service and devotion to the Town of Vernon residents and employees.



JEN CHAMPNEY

Hi, my name is Jen Champney. I was hired in December 2014 as Vernon Deputy Town Clerk. I have lived in Vernon for the last 19 years and am a graduate of VVS Schools. My husband and I have been happily

married for 18 years and have 3 children ages 15, 12 and 9. We enjoy spending our free time outside. I look forward to meeting many of you as you stop in the Town of Vernon Offices.

FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr.

Dear Residents of Vernon,
Hope this letter finds you all surviving yet another wonderful C.N.Y winter. With spring just around the corner, the Village is getting ready to break ground on our new water extension. Our water line currently stops on Peterboro Street around the School Bell Apartments. We want to extend it down Peterboro to Indian Town and Youngs Rd. and connect to Rte. 5. Thus completing a loop in our system, which will increase water pressure in that area. This also keeps the water flowing and for lack of a better term, fresher. Our vision is development in the very near future to this area with more water available.

The Village has reached an agreement with the City of Sherrill to buy some of their allotment from Oneida. This agreement frees up 200,000 gallons a day that Sherrill is not using. But also leaves them with plenty to take care of what they use and still enough for future growth. This is just another example of small local governments working together for the betterment of the whole community. This is the only way our smaller communities can survive. Special thanks to Bob Commis who worked hard to help me pull this off.

The Village was able to recently secure a \$30,000 grant for a study on our Sewer Plant. The study is to see how we can make it more efficient, with the possibility of expanding. The new pole barn, built last fall, is part of the upgrade.

Your village board just finished the 2015-16 budgets with more good news. **No increase in taxes, water or sewer rates.** We have been fortunate enough to keep receiving VLT money which we in turn use to keep taxes down. Last year we accepted the agreement brought to us by Oneida County which also helped keep taxes flat. As long as these additional revenues keep coming in, we are able to keep all the services we provide and continue replacing sidewalks and repaving streets.

Ward Street is next in line for repaving. We are looking at sometime this summer to get that done. With that, we will have done every street in the village over the past few years. Something I am personally proud of.

We are always open for new ideas to better our village and encourage you to speak out to us with them. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 730 at the Village Hall. We are also able to be reached by email or phone, numbers and email addresses can be found on our website, villageofvernonny.org

Sincerely,

Jerry Seymour

Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr.



FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Julie McElroy, Town Clerk

Dog Enumeration

ALL DOGS NEED TO BE LICENSED

Please license or renew your dog(s) license as soon as possible.

The Town of Vernon conducted a dog enumeration by mail on November 1, 2014. A two-part return postage paid postcard was mailed to Town of Vernon residents to identify the number of dogs owned or harbored at each residence. The 30 day time period has expired. Any dogs found unlicensed by the Dog Control Officer will be subject to a court ticket and fine, this includes licenses that are expired.

A current rabies certificate and proof of spay/neuter, if applicable, is needed to license a dog. Please direct questions to the Town Clerk's Office at 822-2422. Thank you for your cooperation.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The Town Clerk's Office hours are:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dog Control Officer is Karen Nixon and her phone number is 853-8583.

SHERRILL-KENWOOD FREE LIBRARY

Support the Library and Win an iPad® Air 2!

Starting April 6th the library will be raffling an iPad® Air 2 (retail value \$499). Tickets will be \$10 each, with only 250 tickets being sold! The drawing will be held on June 8th. Stop by and get your tickets before they're all gone!

Family Movie Night at the Library

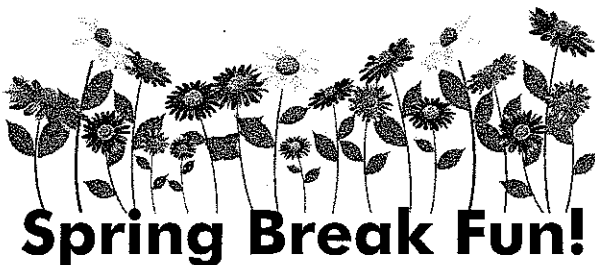
Come to the library for a free night at the movies every Wednesday! Call the library or go to www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org to see the schedule for upcoming movies!

3rd Annual Poetry Contest

Get out your pens! In celebration of National Poetry month we will be having a poetry contest with entries due by March 28th. An awards ceremony will be held on April 24th at 5:00 pm.

We will also be having a **photography contest**, with winners determined by popular vote, this fall.

Stop by the library for entry forms and complete contest details!



Spring Break Fun!

Monday, March 30 –

Here Comes Peter Cottontail @ 1:00 pm –

Come enjoy this holiday movie with some popcorn and jelly beans!

Tuesday, March 31 –

Jim Okey Magic Comedy Show @ 11:00 am –

Come be amused and amazed by this fun and magical show!

Wednesday, April 1 –

Games & Legos @ 1:00 pm –

We'll have our large selection of Legos, board games, and card games out for everyone to enjoy!

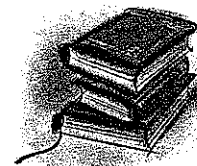
Thursday, April 2 –

Spring Crafts @ 11:00 am –

We'll be making some fun crafts for Easter!

Friday, April 3 – Sunday, April 5 –

Closed for the Easter Holiday



Book Discussion Group

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson – April 8 @ 6:30 pm

Books will be available at the library and everyone is welcome to attend the discussion! Check at the library for additional book discussions!

Zentangle Again!

April 11 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

In this class taught by Suzi DaVia we'll tackle both regular & intricate Tangles AND using color with them. We'll be working with watercolor pencils, sprays, markers, gel pens.....we'll use some colored papers. A fun time! Supplies will be provided and there will be a set of watercolor pencils raffled! The cost for the class is \$25 and is due to the library by April 2. Space is limited, so call the library today to register!



SHERRILL-KENWOOD FREE LIBRARY

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Creation Lab

March 14, April 18 @ 11:00 am -

check at the library for additional dates!

Stop by the library for the chance to be creative! There will be Legos, Play-Doh, beads, and other miscellaneous seasonal craft supplies available for you to use and create!

Sleepytime Stories

March 19, April 16 @ 7:00 pm -

check at the library for additional dates!

Come in your jammies, bring your pillow, your blanket, and your favorite stuffed animal! Join Miss Jen for some fun stories and cookies and milk

Family Story Hour

Tuesdays at 11:00 for toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers

Join Miss Mary & Miss Carol for this story time for pre-school children and their caregivers. This program includes songs, stories, crafts and more!

Stop by and pick-up a copy of our newsletter, give us a call at 363-5980, "Like" us on Facebook, or visit our website at www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org for more information and additional events!

VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

4441 PETERBORO STREET • VERNON, NY • 829-2463

HOURS: Mondays Closed – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9 until 1 – Friday 3 until 7

Welcome to the Vernon Public Library

We have lots of changes happening to our little library! Please stop in and see all the new improvements and programs & events each month! We are continuing to purchase new books and DVD's for adults, young adults and children.

The library is more than just books... we are here for programs, meetings, tutoring and study groups, or just to come in and do a puzzle or meet friends to play a board game. **We are your community place.** So be sure to stop in and say "hi" and see what is new at the library!

Looking For a place to have a Birthday Party?

How about the library??....

The library is renovating the upstairs and it would be a great place for your party...you just have to bring the cake!

LOOK FOR OUR...GALA/OPEN HOUSE

in the spring!

We are continuing to make improvements to the inside of the library. New carpeting, furniture, and a TV for movie nights!

CALLING ALL ARTIST...



We are having an art show at the library for ages K-12. Please submit your work on any media by March 31st. Public is welcome to view the entire month of April. We will award a prize by our judges in each age group. The winners will be announced April 30th.

Participation certificates awarded to every participant and Ribbons awarded to winners from each age group.

Contact the library for more information 829-2463



PROGRAMS/EVENTS

We are constantly planning programs & events for each month and they are free to the public. Stop in and pick up a calendar of events at the desk. If there is something you would like to see at the library, please let us know. We are always looking "outside of the box" for suggestions for programs, classes, demonstrations or clubs.

We are here for **ALL AGES**, so please let us know how we can be a better library for the community!

NEWS FROM THE CHILDRENS'S CORNER

Come and Visit our **NEW Children's Corner!** Every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10:30 – 11am. Your child will benefit from a variety of planned activities provided by our friendly and knowledgeable staff!

WIN A KINDLE FIRE! Tickets \$2 each or 6/\$10.

Stop by the library to purchase yours today! All Proceeds will be used for library programs. Drawing will take place when all tickets are sold. (ONLY 250 WILL BE SOLD!)



WELCOME TO THE CODES OFFICE

A LETTER FROM THE CODES OFFICE:

After a frigid winter we are all ready for spring! At the codes office we can help you prepare your house and outdoors for warmer weather. You can obtain a building permit for things like new decks, sheds and pools right at our office. You can also download the application for a permit on our website at www.townofvernon.com. Usually, you will be able to obtain your permit the same day.

Not sure if you need a permit for a project? No problem, Give our office a call at 829-2434 or stop in. We are open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm. If those hours don't work for you just call us and leave a message and we will be glad to call you back with your answer.

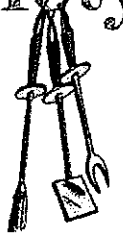
Something else a lot of us look forward to in the spring and summer is being able to cook outdoors! Below are some tips to help keep you and your family safe during BBQ season.

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, dry, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Propane and Charcoal BBQ grills should be stored and used at least 10 ft away from any structure.

**Small cooking fire are not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to increased risk of wildfires (DEC Regulation)*



Grilling Safety Tips



The National Fire Protection Association is out with its annual safety tips for summer grilling.



Charcoal Grills

Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

• If using starter fluid, use charcoal starter fluid, not charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids.

• Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

• When using electric starters, be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

• When finished grilling, let coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



Propane Grills

• Check gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

• Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

• If your grill has a gas leak, and no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill.

• If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

• If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

• If you smell gas while cooking, get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

Grilling Tips

• Regardless of the type of grill, propane or charcoal, they should only be used outdoors.

• Grills should be placed away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

• Children and pets should stay at least 3 feet away from the grill area.

• Always keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills, including the trays below the grill.

• Never leave your grill unattended.

• July is the peak month for grill fires.

• Around half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



VERNON TOWN COURT

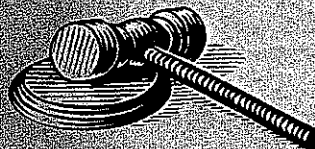
Justice William B. Croll

Justice Robert G. Suttmeier

Court Clerks: Tracy Dam, Chireco and Kristi Meyers

ADA: Matthew Worth

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Court Office Hours

Monday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Frank Laguzza BOA Chairman, Tim Wagner, Bob Moher and Judy Beach

Judy Beach, Assessors' Clerk, retired this past December. Judy joined us in 2002 when we were at the Front Street Town Office. We all are thankful for Judy's smile, cheerfulness, consideration for all, and dedication to the Assessors' Department responsibilities. *We are happy for her retirement and more time she can spend with her family.*



Mary E. Dam, joined the Assessors' Department in December 2014 as our new Assessors' Clerk. Mary and husband Jon live in the Village of Vernon along with their 3 children. Mary has already learned that anything baked warms our heart. She comes

to us with several years of banking experience and working in the VVS school district. **Welcome Mary to our interesting and exciting position.**

Frequently Asked Questions - These are questions that come up often from across the Township and are mostly about Exemptions. You may find this information helpful along with our Town of Vernon Web Site (<http://townofvernon.com/index.php>).

You are always welcome to reach the Town Assessors' Office at 829-2587 with any question or need a more detailed follow-up answer.

1. What is Taxable Status Date mean? This is a crucial filing date; things that occur before of after this date may be different from the previous years Final Assessment Roll. The new Roll is used by all school districts and municipalities (except for Sherrill taxes) in the Town of Vernon. Ownership and physical condition of real property are assessed and all applications for exemptions must be filed with the assessor by this date (March 1).

2. Can the assessor lower my taxes? No, the assessor is only responsible for property assessment not property taxes. Property taxes are determined by each school district and municipality

3. Why did my taxes go up? Primarily taxes go up because;

- tax rates from your school district or municipality have gone up, or
- a special district has been added, or
- you added improvements to your property, or
- your income changed, or you
- failed to re-new an exemption.

In some instances there is a combination of reasons.

4. How early can I renew or apply for a school STAR or Senior Citizen Exemption? You can bring into the Town Assessors' Office any and all renewal or new Exemptions starting in September.

5. Do I have to wait until I have my income taxes filed to apply for or renew my STAR or Senior Citizen Exemption? No, by mid-December you will receive a renewal application

form. Qualification will include income and expenses for the same period of the previous completed and filed tax return. If a tax return was not filed then proof of all income as if you were to file and all applicable medical expenses for the same year are needed.

6. What should I do if I misplaced the exemption renewal form that I received in December? You can come into Assessors' Office on or before Taxable Status Date (March 1) with required documentation, a new renewal form will be prepared.

7. What do I need to apply for a new or renew my Senior Citizen Exemption? You must provide proof of your previous year's income (social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, net capital gains, net rental income, net income from self-employment, salaries, and other earnings). Also proof of insurance premiums (health, dental, prescriptions, vision, hearing, and long term care), and insurance unreimbursed co-payments for medical and prescription expenses (include dental, eyeglasses, hearing aids and others as defined by the IRS). These medical expenses may be excluded from income.

8. How will I know if my Exemption application or renewal was approved? In April the Assessors' Office publishes in the Oneida Daily Dispatch a Legal Notice that the hard copy Tentative Assessment Roll is available for public review. All approved exemptions for all seven School Districts, Oneida County, Village of Oneida Castle, Village of Vernon, Sherrill, and Town Outside are listed. This Roll will also be available on Town of Vernon website (<http://townofvernon.com/>).

9. Why didn't I get the STAR Exemption on my County and Town Tax Bill? The STAR Exemptions only applies to School Taxes.

10. Why do I have to come in every year and renew my exemption? Qualification for the Senior Citizen and STAR Exemption are dependent on annual income.

11. How do I know if I am eligible for an exemption? Contact the Assessors' Office on or before Taxable Status (March 1), you will be guided to what you may qualify for and how to apply.

12. How do I have my mailing address changed? Furnish the Assessors' Office a written, dated and signed document (i.e. a marked up tax bill or a letter) with your new mailing address.

13. If I move within the Town of Vernon do my exemptions move with me? No, you would have to apply for the new location.

14. When I turn 65 do I automatically get the STAR Enhanced Exemption? No, along with age there are ownership, income, and residence requirements.

15. I bought my house in August and the school tax bill arrived in September with a STAR Enhanced Exemption. Will I keep the STAR Enhanced exemption if I am not

65 years old? No, the exemption is in place because the previous owner qualified. You must apply for any future exemptions on or before the next Taxable Status Date (March 1).

16. What do I need if I am going to grieve my assessment? You may begin informally by reviewing your concerns with the assessor. If an agreement is not reached, you may file a complaint to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) on Grievance Day (4th Tuesday in May).

17. What income tax year do I need to renew my STAR Enhanced exemption? Real property tax law requires a copy of preceding years NYS or Federal filed tax return. For example if you are renewing before taxable status date of March 1, 2016, your preceding years NYS or Federal filed tax return is 2014.

18. For the Senior Citizen exemption does my medical expenses and income year have to be the same? Yes, the expense and income year have to be the same year.

19. If I don't have to file income taxes why do I have to disclose my income to qualify for exemptions? Two commonly used exemptions (STAR and Senior Citizen) are income based and require disclosure of your income to be approved.

20. I have "life use" for the property where I live and I want my tax bills sent to my daughter? As "life use" owner just furnish to assessors' office a signed and dated letter including name and address to whom the bills are to be sent.

21. If I moved into the Town of Vernon from another town and stay in the same school district, does my STAR Exemption move with me? No, you would have to apply for the new home.

IMPORTANT DATES

Taxable Status Date – March 1

Tentative Assessment Roll – May 1

Grievance Day – 4th Tuesday in May

Final Assessment Roll – June 30

Always Feel Free to Call, Email, Fax or Visit!

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**4305 Peterboro Rd
Vernon NY 13476**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all of the residents for your cooperation and patience during this long cold winter season! Below you will find a list of Annual Events and other Highway News.

ANNUAL EVENTS

BRUSH PICK UP

- First full week of May we will pick up brush and weeds that you put roadside. **Simply call the highway garage (829-2742)** and give your address. The Village of Vernon, City of Sherrill and Village of Oneida Castle have their own designated brush removal times.

- We do have a site available at the highway garage for town residents to bring small limbs, leaves and grass clippings.

WHITE GOODS DAY

- **Spring and Fall** - There is a list on hand at the Town of Vernon Clerks' office as to what can be accepted. As soon as we have dates set we will advertise in your local paper and on our website www.townofvernon.com.

HIGHWAY NEWS

The Highway Department would like to announce the retirement of **Randolph Koba**. On behalf of all of the Town Board, Employees and Highway Department, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of his years of dedication and service. **Randy will be missed.**

Thank you,

Arthur Freemire

Town of Vernon Highway Superintendent

ONEIDA CASTLE NEWS

Our little village has big news- the year 2015 is our Bicentennial! The Village of Oneida Castle was established in 1815 and at one time was being considered as the capital of New York State due to its central location. The brick house on the corner of State and Seneca Ave was even going to be the Governor's Mansion. But as you can see that did not happen. We are however, just as proud of our village and its residents. We continue to grow and expand both our facilities and our activities.



Last December, we held our second annual **Christmas tree lighting** in the park. Many people turned out on a cold winter night to see the tree and gazebo lit by Mrs. Amy Combs and her children, Grace, Noah and Owen. We were treated by the presence of the Oneida Civic Chorale who led us in song and put us all in a festive mood. Even Santa arrived by fire truck and stopped in to see the children and have a mug of hot chocolate.



Our Veteran's Memorial Committee continues to work diligently on raising funds. They will be holding the Oneida Castle Bazaar on May 16, with all proceeds going to the Memorial Fund. **All persons wishing to be vendors may call Chris Bishop at 361-8318 for more information.** This committee is moving forward with plans to break ground. This spring they will begin putting in hardscapes and installing engraved bricks.

Other upcoming spring events will be our annual spring yard cleanup in April. Please watch the Oneida Dispatch for an exact date. Our village election will be held on March 18th. Our candidates are incumbent John Deschamps for Mayor and incumbent Michael Healy for Trustee. Please come to the village hall between the hours of noon and 9pm on this day to show your support for those who serve our village.

Our Community Day will be held on August 16th so mark your calendar. Since, this year is our **Bicentennial**, chairman Chris Bishop, has some exciting surprises planned. Last year's festivities included a hot air balloon walk and the Utica Zoo mobile.



Also, at Community Day 2014, our gazebo was dedicated and named the **Cavanagh Gazebo**, in memory of Mark Cavanagh who passed away in May of 2014. Mark's wife, Mrs. Jennifer Cavanagh, was there to unveil the plaque and accept this honor. Mark served the village as

treasurer for over 12 years and is sorely missed by all who knew him.

In closing, **Mayor Deschamps** continues to work with O'Brien and Gere on the proposed sewer project. He continues to seek grants and funding to make this project affordable to all.

The Oneida Castle Village Board meets the first Monday of every month in the village hall, 1 First St. The meetings take place at 7pm and are open to the public.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER NEWS



ONGOING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Mondays

Bone Builders- Strength Training for the Older Adult, 9am, Contact Polly 853-6258. \$1.50/class

Tuesdays

Community Fine Arts Guild- Join this group of artists 9am-12pm to paint, work together, share ideas, and to have the opportunity for critique, if desired.

Wednesdays

Oneida County Office for the Aging- On the first Wednesday of each month at 11am a representative is at the CAC to provide people ages 60 and over, and people of any age with disabilities, with many services.

CAC Craft and Chat Group- Join this group the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month, 11am-1pm, to knit, sew, or create any other craft. Buy lunch at the CAC or bring your own.

Thursdays

Rescue Me K-9 Dog Rescue Dog Socialization Classes- Come to these free classes for anybody who wants to bring their dog. Donations are accepted. Thursdays 6-7pm, Contact Debbie Martin, 829-3454 with questions.

DAILY PROGRAMS

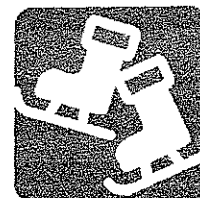
Walking in the gym- This is a self-monitored program open to all, weekday mornings 8-9:30am.

Kids Play Time- Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12pm- Parents are welcome to bring their children, ages 5 and younger, for indoor play in the gym. Some toys are available or bring your own! Children must be supervised by an adult.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND EVENTS

Schedule a bowling birthday party, baby shower, or another event at the CAC! Or if you are interested in teaching a class at the CAC please call for more information.

Sherrill Youth Center - Youth Center at the CAC continues through early spring for VVS students. Youth Center is open Monday and Tuesday, 6-9pm, for students in grades 4-6 and Friday and Saturday, 6:30-10pm, for students in grades 7-12.



ICE SKATING RINK

The Ice Skating rink will be open throughout the winter weather permitting. If you see the STOP sign the ice is not fit to skate on and the rink is closed. Skating with hockey sticks and puck passing, etc. can be done at times when the rink is not crowded. Hockey games are not allowed on the rink at anytime. All skating is at your own risk. The Rotary building will generally be open the following hours: Monday-Friday- 4-8pm, Saturdays, Sundays and when school is closed- 2-8pm.

BOWLING HOURS- Wednesdays 11am-2pm, Fridays 6-11pm or 9:30-11pm (because of a league every other Friday), Saturdays 1-5pm and 9:30-11pm, Sundays 12-5pm; please call for hours on school half days, holidays and snow days.

HISTORIAN REPORT 2015

Janice Buneo, Historian



Vernon High School (original Mt. Vernon Academy) and Presbyterian Church, Seneca Turnpike prior to 1918

Since I took over a Town Historian, the main objective has been to gather Vernon's information back. The historical items, documents and data have been scattered in quite a few areas. It's time to pull be back together. The library has housed items for many years. However, the library is expanding its own services and would like that area for its own use. Fortunately an area has been provided to house the items until a permanent solution has been found.

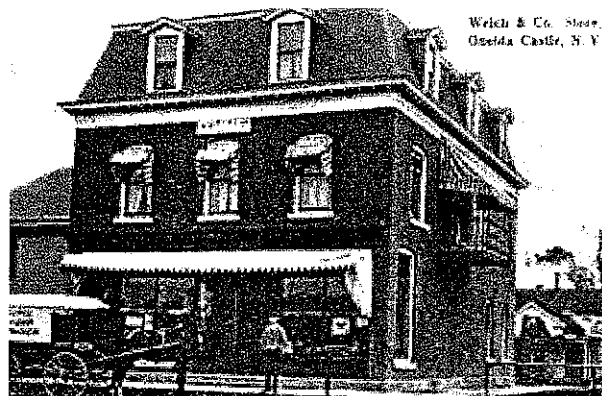
Meanwhile paper items are being digitalized. Articles from scrapbooks are indexed for use, photos and slides have been scanned along with other Town notes. To date I have file in categories such as

Buildings - with 9 folders of assorted photos and articles, Businesses - with 22 folders of assorted photos and articles, Churches - with 7 folders of assorted photos and articles, Clubs & Organizations - with 4 folders of assorted photos and articles, Fairs, Family Names folder - with 14 folders of assorted photos and articles, Library, Maps, Military, Obituaries, Portraits, Schools, Scrapbooks (indexing the articles which pertain to Town of Vernon), Slaves, Telephone service, Tragedies / Events, Vernon Center - with 12 folders of assorted photos and articles, Vernon Downs - articles as well as photos of horses, Weather Related articles

Inquiries have included the history of Dibble's Inn -the construction of the actual building, military service records for the Nathan and Aaron Davis family, Black/African American named John, Mary and York Hunter, a record book from V & V School, interior pictures of old

ladies home in Vernon Center especially the fireplaces, the Alling family from Vernon Center in the 1800's.

If you have any information, or items you'd like to add to the Town of Vernon collection, please contact me at Vernonhistorian@yahoo.com, 363-9928.



The Welch block was erected at the northwest corner of Seneca Avenue and Castle Street in Oneida Castle



Vernon Mills on the Sconondoa Creek in Vernon operated as a grist and flour mill from the early 19th century



Bronson's Academy in Castle Park at Oneida Castle was operated from the 1820s to 1863 as a private school.

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For more info go to www.oneidacountyhistory.org/

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Thanks to all in our community that make the town of Vernon a great place to live.
Remember the town Board Meets the Second Monday of every month or
check the town website for our meeting schedule.

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