

Village of Arkport

Arkport NY 14807

Summer-Fall '24—4th Edition

VILLAGE STAFF:

Mayor: George Prete
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Message from the Mayor

Greetings all -

We hope you are having a relaxing summer and enjoyed the many events and activities of Summerfest Weekend (July 12-14). The Summerfest Committee worked hard throughout the year and met with much success as our park was filled with new and returning vendors, new games for kids (i.e., putt-putt, yard tic-tac-toe, pool-noodle horse races, just to name a few), musical entertainment, as well as the 5K run, parade, fireworks and car show. The dates for next year's Summerfest are July 11-13, 2025!

The Village Superintendent of Public Works/Water Department resigned from his position as of July 1, 2024. We wish Logan well as he starts his new endeavors. We are currently conducting interviews to fill the position left vacant by his resignation. As we have one person performing the duties of two people, we ask for your patience with the completion of work throughout our village.

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—1:00 pm. If you find that you are unable to stop by during these hours, we have a drop-box on our main door for your use in dropping off your water payments, tax payments and any notes to your Village Staff (Mayor/Trustees/Clerk/Treasurer).

Our Village Board meetings are held the third Tuesdays every month at 7:00 pm here in the Community room and are open to the public.

We wish you all the best in the remaining days of summer!

Your mayor, George Prete

VILLAGE MEETINGS:

Third Tuesday of each month

7:00 PM

August 20

September 17

October 15

Bone Builders:

An exercise program for our Senior Citizens.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00-11:00 AM

Village Hall Community Center

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

There is a new ordinance within the Village with regards to property maintenance. As we become aware of any abandoned property that is not maintained (mowing of lawn-grass/weeds higher than 1-foot (12 inches), removal of trash, taking care of unsafe items or structures, etc.), owners will be sent a letter of ordinance violation which will provide the owner with seven (7) days of date on letter to rectify the issues. If after the seven days, the property has not been fixed/taken care of, the owner will be charged an initial fee of \$250.00 plus \$250.00 for each additional hour needed by village staff to take care of property. If this bill has not been paid the amount will be added to the property taxes.

Community Room Rates:

Village Residents - \$75.00
Outside Village - \$100.00
Deposit - \$50

Park Rental Rates:

Park Rental - \$45.00
Deposit: \$45.00

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When walking your pets in the park and village, be respectful of others and keep them on a leash and clean up after them.

Lost and Found: We have been collecting items that have been found in the Park - if you are missing a jacket or sweatshirt - pop in to see if it was brought here.

Cemetery Updates:

Planting Regulations-Lots and Graves:

All planting must be confined to an area no more than 12 inches out from the front of the monument or marker.

No planting is allowed behind the monument or marker.

Cemetery decorations must be removed by **October 15th** to assist with fall clean-up. Winter decorations can be placed **November 15th**.

ZONING NEWS:

We received a request from our community to post our Zoning Regulations on our website – you may now find them on at villageofarkport.com and click on “Codes” at the top of the home page or cut/paste this link in your web browser: Code-of-the-Village-of-Arkport.pdf (villageofarkport.com)

News from the Canisteo Valley Historical Society:

The Canisteo Valley Historical Society’s Fundraising plans for the Capital Project, outlined in the enclosed letter, includes a Quilt raffle. The handmade quilt is named “Color Me Happy” and was pieced by a member of the Tuttle family, Big Creek. For a look at the quilt and other pertinent information, go to the Canisteo Valley Historical Society homepage: canisteovalleyhistoricalsociety.org.

The Society has always participated in the annual Steuben County History Awareness Week and this year there is a significant change. It is going to be a Museum Trail throughout the County on Saturday from 10 am-5 pm and Sunday, Noon-5 pm, October 19-20. Mark your calendar! The CVHS will offer a timeline of local history in the two front rooms of the McCarthy House. On the same dates, we have decided to celebrate a **SOFT OPENING** of the CVHS McCarthy House! Along with the timeline exhibit to examine, visitors will see the progress in the McCarthy House so far, “as is.” Please stop in! A **GRAND OPENING** will be held at a later date TBA when we are more thoroughly set up and organized.

Maps of the Museum Trail directing to several other small historical society museums (and a few large ones) will be available at the Arkport Public Library, East Avenue.

Arkport Public Library News

Many thanks to all who bought books from the Summerfest Library Book Sale! We appreciate all who gave a home to a few of the books.

Our hours have been shortened and may be more flexible than usual while we search for a new library director. We are open Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s from 10 am-3 pm, Thursday’s, 10- am-6 pm, and Friday’s 10 am–2 pm. If you are interested in working or volunteering, please stop in for information.

Sam Warren, who offered the Mycology 101 program on mushrooms and fungi in July, will take registration for a walk on state lands that he will lead on August 7 at 5:30 pm. There is a limit of 20 participants and a \$20 fee for the walk.



School starts September 5
- Watch out for kids walking and waiting for buses.
School Speed limit is 20 MPH in front of the school and mind the Crossing Guard as she is there to keep everyone safe!