

Arkport NY 14807

Feb-April '25—6th Edition

VILLAGE STAFF:

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Cemetery: Tom Hunt-607-382-5593

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607-324-1270

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Message from the Mayor

Greetings all -

We at the Village Hall hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to spring as much as we are!

Our DPW staff are out plowing whenever there is ice and/or snow. We want to take this opportunity to remind you that traffic law prohibits street parking within the village limits between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Snow and ice removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner or person in charge of any property (house, building, church, or public ground). Also **parking** is **NOT ALLOWED** on **SIDEWALKS**.

With spring comes Village Elections which will take place in March. We will have two Trustee vacancies to fill; both are two year vacancies. Elections will be held March 18, 2025 here at the Community Room, Village Hall, from 12:00 to 9:00 PM. Please come out and show your support.

Here's hoping you all a safe winter and a HAPPY SPRING!

Your mayor, George Prete

Here are some tips to help prevent falls this winter.

- Choose the right shoe; make sure your boots have good traction
- Walk like a "penguin;" take shorter steps and walk as flat-footed as possible to help prevent slipping in icy walkways, parking lots, etc.
- Keep your hands free to help with balance. Avoid carrying heavy loads and keep your hands out of your pockets.

And a friendly reminder: homeowners and business owners are responsible to clear the ice and snow from their sidewalks.

VILLAGE MEETINGS:

Third Tuesday of each month

7:00 PM

February 18

March TBA

April 15

Bone Builders:

An exercise program for our Senior Citizens.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 AM

Village Hall Community Center

Community Room Rates:

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

Park Rental Rates:

Park Rental - \$65.00 Deposit: \$45.00



For Your Information...

<u>Building Permits</u>: If you are planning on doing any work to or around your house and are unsure if a permit is required, please call the Village Office (607-295-7346) and we will put you in touch with our Code Enforcer, Bill Rusby. If you do a job that requires a permit and have not obtained one, an additional fee will be assessed along with the permit costs.

<u>Dogs</u>: With spring just around the corner, many pet owners will be out with their pet. Be reminded that you are responsible for deaning up any mess made by your pet. We appreciate your cooperation.

<u>New Dog Control Officer</u>: Deb Matthews is the new Dog Control Officer for the Village (hired by the Town of Hornellsville) as of January, 2025. She can be reached at her office (585-384-9501) or her cell (607-661-0727). For more information, please visit their website at: www.townofhornellsville.com/dog-control.

<u>Lost & Found</u>: Items found in the Park have been turned in to our office - a child's pair of roller blades and a girl's winter jacket was left in our community room. If you are missing these items, stop by to pick them up (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM).

Cemetery News

Cemetery Management staff ask that you have plot wreathes and winter decorations removed no later than March 9th. Grounds clean-up and preparations for Spring will begin at that time. Spring and/or Summer decorations are permitted from April 30th

Summerfest is scheduled for **July 12, 13, 14, 2025**.

Check out their website for more information:

www.arkportsummerfest.com



Daylight Savings
March 9, 2025.

Don't forget to turn
your clock AHEAD

Library News: February is National Library Lover's Month. Stop by the library during their new extended hours to see what's new! They have new hours...Monday 5-8 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 AM-5 PM, Thursday 10 AM-6 PM, Friday 10 AM-2 PM, and Saturday 10 AM-1 PM.

Here are some of events/programs taking place in the upcoming months: Story Hour for 2-5 year olds is held every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 AM; join them for stories and crafts! They are also starting their very first adult book club! Their first selection is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict. Stop by the library to request your copy and then join the conversation February 24th at 6:30 PM.

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program has been started as well. Read 1000 books to your child between birth and Kindergarten and your child will receive prizes throughout the challenge! Stop in to get more information and to sign up.

Lastly, libraries connect all New Yorkers, and all communities with the information and resources needed to fully participate in their shared civic life. They are asking for you to send a quick message to our New York Legislators, urging them to fight for fair and equitable funding for local libraries and library services. Doing so is simple! You can send them an e-postcard https://bit.ly/2025-postcard4libraries or stop in the library to sign a paper postcard.

Arkport Community Church (15 Main Street, Arkport) is helping to address food insecurity in our community. They are doing this in a number of ways.

- ♦ The Blessing Box is an outdoor, self-help food pantry. In the wintertime, it only contains dry goods. In the summertime it contains also canned and jarred goods.
- ♦ A Food Pantry. They have a modest food pantry available for those who would like to select up to 15 items a month from their inventory. In the wintertime, this is one way to get to the canned and jarred foods that are not in the Blessing Box (e.g., pasta sauce, tuna fish and canned vegetables). Access to the Food Pantry can be arranged by calling Pastor Bruce at 607-295-7944. Leave a message if he's not in.
- ♦ They also have \$20 food **gift cards** available to families to use at the Arkport Shur-Fine for the purchase of dairy products and needed groceries. These are available each month.

They believe that the Lord loves each of us and wants none of us to go hungry.

Your neighbors, Arkport Community Church