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116 East Main Street Corfu NY 14036 (585) 599-3327

**Village Hours -  
Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm**

**Court Hours -  
Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm**

Residents are encouraged to mail, call the office at 585-599-3327, or email [clerk@corfuny.com](mailto:clerk@corfuny.com)

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED**



### Message from Mayor Sargent

Hello Corfu Residents,

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful spring we are having here in Corfu and WNY for that matter. It is a busy time of year, with all the yard work and “spring cleaning” that must be completed. Hopefully, all you had a good and healthy Easter and are ready for back yard cookouts, the Corfu Farmers Market, and the Memorial Day parade.

Last year’s Farmers Market was a huge success, and we are working on plans for this year’s Market. Katie Hobbs, Matt Steinberg, and the entire crew have been planning for a couple months now and it is coming along nicely. I cannot wait for the first week to see all the returning and new vendors we have. I know they are still looking for volunteers to help on Mondays, so if you’re interested reach out to Jennifer at the Village office and she can get you in contact the Katie or Matt. Hope to see you at the Market.

We missed the Memorial Day Parade last year due Covid, but it will return this year. The parade will take place on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>. The parade will start at noon, and it will go from the Firehall to the Intermediate School, where there will be a service held honoring our Military. This year the service will be held by the Veterans Club from the High School. Any Veterans, clubs, individuals, groups, or organizations that wish to participate or have questions please reach out to me by leaving a message at the Village office or emailing [Mayor@corfuny.com](mailto:Mayor@corfuny.com). We look forward to everyone coming out as a community to support our local veterans.

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## Help Us Make Corfu Beautiful!

**Better Corfu** is a new committee of local residents dedicated to making Corfu a better place to live, play and work. Our first project is a flower pot adoption program.

The committee will be placing planters filled with flowers around the village, and is offering the opportunity to show your local pride by sponsoring a pot!

Each sponsorship is \$25, and your pot will be marked with your name.

The pots will be put in place by Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

Interested? Please contact Better Corfu Chair and Village Trustee **Mike Doktor** at **716-359-3202**.

Payments by cash or check need to be received by May 15.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL!**

### **Farmers Market:**

The Corfu Farmer's Market is BACK! The planned opening day will be June 21<sup>st</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>.

They are currently seeking vendors to join in! If interested please email [corfufarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:corfufarmersmarket@gmail.com)



### **DUMPSTER DAYS!!!**

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00am – 12:00 pm**

We cannot accept the following items: televisions, tires, oil, garbage, toxic materials, refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners. Paint cans will only be accepted if empty, dried and lid removed. We will accept car batteries, couches, stoves, dishwashers and mattresses.

#### **We CANNOT pick any items up at resident homes.**

The Village reserves the right to reject large amounts of trash and to stop receiving once the container is full. We suggest that residents who are doing major remodeling work to please contract for their own dumpster for trash removal. This service is intended for residential use.

#### **Mayors message continued:**

I am looking for feedback, ideas, and interest in having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Last year we had a parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, both because it was 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but also because we were unable to have Memorial Day parade. I think it would be great to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, but I need your help. So, please let me know what you think, we will plan one if there is enough support. Once we get enough positive feedback we will post on our website and look for a committee to help put it together.

Finally, I want to thank Al Graham for his many years of service as a Village Trustee. We appreciate everything he did over the years to keep our Village running smoothly, Thank you Al. I would like to welcome Joe "Biggs" Johnson back to the Village Board after a 2-year break. With Joe, reelected Trustee Mike Doktor, Ken Lauer, and Larry Reisdorf we are a group of experienced leaders and looking forward to working hard for you. You can always reach out to any of us if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. We look forward to serving you and the rest of the Corfu Community.

*Mayor, Thomas Sargent*



**June 21<sup>st</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Maintenance Department**

**Leaf/Brush pickup -  
Mondays and Fridays**

**\*\*We do NOT pick up lumber, garbage  
or animal waste – YARD DEBRI ONLY**

**Keep all sidewalks clear of garbage cans**

The Village invites you to participate in a survey which we hope will add helpful input to the Better Corfu Committee.

Please see the following link or visit the Corfuny.com webpage.

Click 'News and Events' and then click 'Better Corfu Bulletin Board' to find the link.

You can also find a paper copy of the survey at the Village Office. The deadline for completing the survey, or dropping it at the Village office is May 14th. Thanks so much for helping us help you!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wJGV3c5lukRPN\\_s6J7U\\_t1uQoBpcxYsF0ebiUJ9xn38/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wJGV3c5lukRPN_s6J7U_t1uQoBpcxYsF0ebiUJ9xn38/edit)

# HISTORY

*with Alan*

For this newsletter I would like to mention some miscellaneous items from Corfu's past

- With the Presidential Inauguration in January, I want to mention a Corfu connection to a past Inauguration. On March 15, 1921, Stuart Ingramham of Corfu, was part of the Military Escort for President Harding for his Inauguration.
- On August 4, 1876, there was an article in a Batavia Newspaper complaining: "If you mail a letter from Corfu to Crittenden at 9am, it will take over 24 hours to travel, from Corfu to Crittenden. You would be better off to hire a boy to take it crosslots."
- In 1901, William Scott, of "Scott's Greenhouse" in Corfu, was the "Head Gardener" for the Pan-American Expo in Buffalo.
- On March 3, 1902, the bridge over Murder Creek (Alleghany Road) near the cemetery collapsed. No one was injured, but it was several months before it was repaired.
- In April 1923, winds blew over 75 Mph blew down the belltower of the Episcopal Church and blew off several roofs in the Village.
- In 1926, over 100 rail cars of flowers per week were shipped from Corfu
- In 1933, David Scott of "Dave Scott's Greenhouses" in Corfu, was one of the judges for the National Flower show in St. Louis
- There have been two major passenger train wrecks in Corfu. In 1936, the "South Shore" train hit a freight train, derailing the engine and several cars near Snipery Road. No one was injured. In 1965, two engines and several passenger cars derailed, west of the underpass. 21 people were taken to the hospital, no one was killed.
- On August 13, 1943, Dr Sydney Mclouth of Corfu and Dr. Ward Manchester used the "Refrigeration Anesthesia" method to amputate a man's leg. It was the first time this was used in Genesee County and one of the first times it was used in the United States.
- In October 1945, Howard Marsh, a former Corfu School teacher, sang for President Truman.
- In 1963, "Scott's Greenhouse" of Corfu, built the first portable greenhouse in the US
- In 1991, Elaine Hensel, became Mayor of Corfu. The First female Mayor in Genesee County
- On July 25, 2009, Corfu had a EF-1 Tornado, Governor Patterson visited Corfu to survey the damage. It was the first time a NY Governor visted Corfu.

## DOG OWNERS

Section 8,H of Local Law No. 1 of 1992 states it shall be unlawful for any dog owner to permit or allow a dog to create a nuisance by defecating, urinating or digging on public or private property other than the property of the said owner. This includes public sidewalks, the Cemetery and the Library. PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!

*-Alan Starkweather*

# final thoughts...

THANK YOU Al Graham for your years of service for the Village of Corfu! Best of luck in your future endeavors !

Check out our website:

[www.Corfuny.com](http://www.Corfuny.com)

For the latest up-to-date information

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



## Chicken BBQ



**Sunday, May 2, 2021**  
**Noon – 1:30PM or sold out**

**East Pembroke Hall**  
**8656 Church Street, E. Pembroke, NY**  
**(off Angling Road)**

**Chicken Dinner - \$10**  
**Chicken only - \$6**  
**take out only**

**Homemade desserts!**

**Presale tickets available by calling 585-599-4833**

**Chicken by St. Max Pit Crew**

**Profits to benefit St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish**

**Corfu United Presbyterian Church**



**Saturday,**  
**April 24 - 1 p.m.**  
**until sold out..**

**Drive through only.**  
**63 Alleghany St.**

1/2 Chicken  
Macaroni Salad  
Baked Beans  
and Roll  
\$10.00

CHICKEN COOKED BY CORFU VOLUNTEER FIREMEN



**The Village is in need of**  
**Election Inspectors and**  
**planning board**  
**members.**

If interested please email  
[clerk@corfuny.com](mailto:clerk@corfuny.com)

A black drop box has been installed at the village office to the left of the door and will be checked daily (weekdays)

This can be used when the sewer bill payments and for any other correspondence.

Disposable masks are still available.  
20 masks for \$17.00

To order contact please call Office  
or email [clerk@corfuny.com](mailto:clerk@corfuny.com)



Please note due to NYS Health Regulations you will have to sign in upon entrance to Village Offices/Court for any purposes due to Covid-19 for tracing